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Magdi Abdel-Ghani and Gamal Abdel-Hamid form a human pyramid after Ghani's equaliser earned Egypt a 1-1 draw with Holland. Egypt and England meet in a decisive Group F World Cup match on Friday.

★ Huge crowd for final
Hajduk Split game
— see report page 6 ➡

NEXT WEEK — SPECIAL HAJDUK SPLIT —
SYDNEY CROATIA SOUVENIR PICTURES

Federal Opposition leader John Hewson with
Sydney Croatia's Socceroo Graham Arnold.
He met the players prior to the kick off of the
Sydney Croatia — Hajduk Split final tour
match at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sun-
day. Hajduk would up their tour with a 2-0
victory.

— Photo: Hector Carrasco



WORLD CUP HOTS UP



IT'S now down to
the business end
of Italia '90, with
the group matches
ending on Friday,
and the first of the
elimination second
phase games kick-
ing off on Sunday.

This issue went to
press before all of the
preliminary matches
had been completed, as
each team had one
group match left to
play.

BY LOU GAUTIER

However, indica-
tions are that pre-
World Cup predictions
as far as West Ger-
many, Brazil and Italy
were concerned were
spot-on.

Though the Ger-
mans have been the
most impressive by far
to date, Italy and
Brazil have done
enough to suggest they
are on course for a
berth in the semi-fi-
nals.

And Belgium and
Czechoslovakia have

also hit top stride.
Holland have been
the disappointment of
the tournament so far:
only a win against the
dour Irish will do on
Friday, and the same
goes for England, who
showed vast improve-
ment against the
Dutch, though.

They have to draw
or beat surprise-packet

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The touring Hajduk Split player has ample room to get his pass away, as he is tracked by a
Sydney Croatia opponent on Sunday: Photo: Hector Carrasco.

Bundaberg to the border — BY GREG RUSSELL

South Queensland League mooted

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is set to revamp its premier competition — the XXXX League — with a streamlined version of the old State League.



A proposal is now before the clubs for a South Queensland League which will feature sides from Bundaberg to the NSW Border.

The move is a partial revival of the State League which was disbanded in 1981 after succumbing to rising travel costs and discontent among Brisbane clubs.

If the proposal is accepted unchanged, the new league will comprise 12 club teams — six from Brisbane, two from the Gold Coast, one from

Ipswich, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg.

They would be required to field firsts, reserves and colts.

The selection of the clubs will be subject to a strict criteria which will assess each club's financial background and future, grounds, facilities, administration and attitude.

It is proposed there be no promotion or relegation for the first two years. A system of play-offs would be introduced in the following seasons.

The premiers of first divisions in each of the centres involved would have the right to play-off against their City's representative if that team finished below a pre-determined placing.

While support for the revamping of the fast stagnating XXXX League is widespread, the biggest opposition to the new proposal hinges on the requirement for country centres to field club sides.

Some officials believe taking the best



teams out of the first divisions in Gold Coast Coast, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg will destroy the local competitions.

The move among some of those Federations is to enter a representative side in the South Queensland League, with players involved possibly still able to turn out for their club teams in the local First Division.

That format was used in the old State League, but with disastrous results, particularly on the Gold Coast.

Players were signed on dual registrations but turned their backs on the poor-performing rep side when their club teams were vying for honors.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said the proposal was not above change.

"The sub-committee have come up with a blue print which has been distributed to the club," he said.

"The whole idea is planned for debate in July and I am sure a competition which best suits everyone can be formulated."



Aurelio Vidmar is intent on controlling the football as he is tracked by two Sydney Olympic defenders in this NSL action shot.

Vidmar looks at Europe

STAR midfielde

Aurelio Vidmar, 23, who bought out his contract with Adelaide City, is attending the World Cup and then will follow up with a bid to build a blossoming career with Reggina in the Italian Serie B competi-

tion.

His options are open, though, to move on elsewhere in Europe.

Vidmar has much for which to thank friend and fitness mentor Vince Palumbo.

Palumbo, more than anyone, has put an extra spring in his step and revitalised Vidmar's appetite for sport.

"I have worked out in pre-season with Vince for the past five years in the NSL and he has made a tremendous difference," said the soccer star.

"the work he teaches is great for co-ordination and helps your mind in relaxing.

"I found it great training pre-season as he has a completely different system of stretching from what we have at the soccer.

"I stretched and worked on muscles I don't know I had."

Palumbo has been selected by the World Combat Federation to set up a coaching outlet in SA.

That would be only the second Combative Martial Arts Academy in Australia. The other is in Sydney.

Palumbo, 25, a black belt instructor, has been involved in free style martial arts for 10 years. He will open an academy in Adelaide.

"This style of martial art teaches people how to handle themselves in the street situations," said Palumbo.

"Our training helps people get out of situations but also is ideal preparation for sports people. It supplements their training."

But Vidmar knows he headed for Italy with perfect physical preparation for what lies ahead.

"I wish the Adelaide City players all the best for the new season," said Vidmar. "I thank coach Zoran Matic and president Charlie Caruso for all they have done."

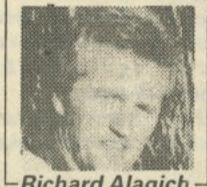
"Special thanks, too, to Mario Corti, among the best soccer brains in Australia, for the help he has given me in the past 10 years."

— ALAN CLARK

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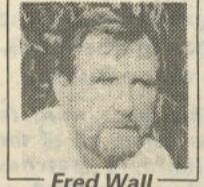
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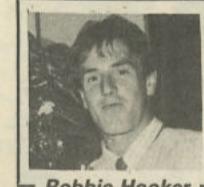
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John Filan
Aust Rep.

ASF plans for 1993

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA could be the headquarters for a group in the 1993 World Youth Soccer Championship, the chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation, John Constantine, told ASW.

And the recently elected national supervisor of the code also forecast the ACT will be staging at least one senior international match next year.

"FIFA has put some stringent requirements on the venues for the youth championship, and the Bruce Stadium is one of those which fits perfectly," Constantine said.

"We are in the process of establishing a national organising committee. A lot of work needs to be done."

On the possibility of senior games, he said the ASF had made a policy decision to give the public a taste of international football in areas where there is no national league team.

"As part of that we are working on getting national sides to Aus-

tralia — as opposed to the club teams we have had in the past — it is something which should fit in with the plans of those countries which did not qualify for the current World Cup," he said.

Asked if he was concerned that recent matches between the ACT and Indonesia and Charlton Athletic drew less than 2000 people, Constantine said the ASF was not relying on gate money to make the events financially viable.

"Our concern is that interest in the game here is waning, and that is one of the reasons we are bringing international soccer to Canberra."

The pair discussed the report with ACT club representatives.

"Canberra is one of the areas which has been identified by Dr Bradley as a base for a National League team — we are looking at that happening two seasons from now," Constantine said.

But he admitted that could be short circuited by the possibility Canberra Croatia might win promotion to the national competition

under current arrangements.

Asked if Canberra Croatia's name would be any bar to it entering the National League, Constantine said there was a policy decision that every club in the competition should begin to take steps to identify itself with the area in which it was based rather than an ethnic community.

"The rules will be uniform for all clubs in the league — they won't be directed at anyone in particular."

The ACT Government's executive deputy for Sport, Recreation and Racing, Bill Stefaniak, said the ASF's proposals were a great boost "not only for soccer in Canberra, but for the city's image as one of the world's sporting centres".

"The public have always shown they are prepared to watch quality football."

The youth championship, awarded to Australia by FIFA last year, follows the successful staging of the 1981 titles in this country when a number of matches, including the



John Constantine

quarter final between Australia and West Germany, took place at Bruce Stadium.

Other group venues under consideration are Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, but Constantine stressed no final decisions have been taken.

"That will have to wait until we are given details of the format of the competition."

"But I would add there are very few stadia in Australia which match FIFA's requirements."

Constantine was accompanied by the author of the Bradley report on soccer in Australia, Graham Bradley.

Sporting Lisbon by default —

Venglos up in air over Roos

BY STEPHEN DETTRE OF AAP

MILAN — Josef Venglos wants to coach the Socceroos but has been left wondering if the Australian Soccer Federation really wants him, according to friends of the Czechoslovakian national team boss.

After talks with Venglos, they have been left with no doubt that he wants to move his family to Australia and is keen to take the Socceroo job.

"It has been become more than an issue of money," said Sydney coach Dennis Hoggart, who befriended Venglos during their days together with the great Prague team of the NSW Federation in the 1960s.

"He has said that he wants to give his family a better quality of life and he believes he can do that in Australia.

"The pressures and problems of European soccer are no longer such a lure, even considering the money."

However, he claimed the ASF has not contacted Venglos since a visit to Prague by ASF president John Constantine some

months ago.

Constantine made the trip to interview Venglos who applied for the Socceroo job when it became vacant after Frank Arok's contract expired and he accepted a lucrative offer from his club St George.

"While he said that he wanted to concentrate on the World Cup at hand, it would only take him a few minutes to give the ASF an answer, as he seems to have made up his mind," Hoggart said.

Czechoslovakian journalists in Italy have confirmed that Venglos has received at least two other firm offers, one from the South Korean national federation, and the other from leading Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon.

However, Hoggart discounts these as being of interest to Venglos.

"He said that money is not the issue," he said. The Czechoslovakian journalists have said the offer from Sporting Lisbon is "outstanding — a lot of money."

They seem surprised that Venglos would want to move to Aus-



JOSEF VENGLOS

tralia.

"Taking the job would mean he would

World Cup fever hits at Coogee

THE Coogee-Randwick RSL Club at Carr Street, Coogee will be filled with World Cup goals on Friday June 29 at 7.30pm.

SBS Television will be providing film of all the World Cup goals up to June 29 — the quarter final stage.

SBS Presenter Andy Paschalidis will be MC for an evening of great soccer entertainment titled "THE TOOHEYS RED WORLD CUP NIGHT".

They seem surprised that Venglos would want to move to Aus-

tralia — be out of the mainstream of world football," one said.

Australian officials in Italy have admitted that Arok's former assistant Eddie Thomson, the current national coaching director, is still a strong favourite with the ASF establishment for the Socceroo job.

Venglos' team has performed well so far at the World Cup, beating the US 5-1 and then Austria 1-0 to ensure it of a place in the last 16.

The 1974 World Cup Socceroo coach Rale Basic and World Cup player Adrian Alston will be reliving their memories of World Cup action.

Joining the two will be Socceroo skippers Charlie Yankos and John Kosmina and also top comedian Brian Doyle.

Tickets on the night will be \$20 or pre-sale just \$16.

Tables of 10 will be \$150, available from the club or Sportsforce PO Box 5065, West Chatswood, 2057. Tel: 410 9816.

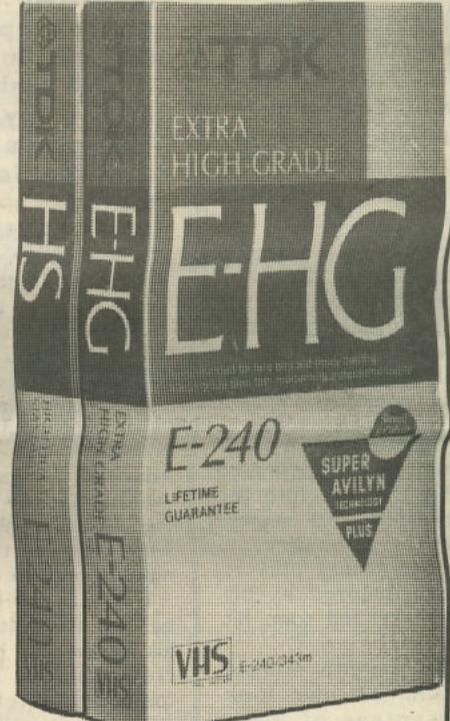
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Kay, Fletcher sink Canterbury

BY PAUL GOODWIN

CANTERBURY enjoyed less luck than in its preceding three matches at Arlington in going down 2-1 to the ambitious Wollongong Macedonia on Saturday.

Paul Kay, returning to the side after a week out of the action, put the visitors one up in the 25th when he ran onto a through ball from John Bradley and drove it in off the post.

Ten minutes later

Tom Divljak scored the equalizer with a lob into the top corner from 15 metres after Louis Dounis had switched play from right to left and set up Nick Oustambasidis whose cross was a telling one.

Macedonia had the best of the first 45 minutes, but did not have the goals to show for it.

The second half was the reverse, with the Berries outplaying the Wollongong side without getting on the scoresheet.

Dragan Pupovac dealt comfortably with everything up until the 80th minute, when some slack marking allowed Macedonia to grab the winner.

A short corner was played to Graeme Fletcher just inside the area and the striker turned quickly before hammering in a first time shot.

Dounis should have given Canterbury the lead in the 62nd when he was in receipt of yet another good cross from Oustambasidis.

but put his shot wide.

Godzik and Divljak again played well, but the welter of goals secured in recent weeks eluded the side on this occasion and Casey de Bruin's men did the job expected of them to stay on track for possible promotion.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Slaveski, Adamou, Spiridakos, Kalogeris (Hilli), Radman, Divljak, Godzik, Millessourgos, Oustambasidis, Dounis.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Martin Bourke, Galway, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, G. Brown, Fletcher, Thorntwaite.

Brodnik inspires Wolves

THE youngsters from Wollongong chose the day set aside for the State Bank special-promotion at Brandon Park to break their duck and recorded an easy 3-1 win over the equally youthful Marconi side.

The Corrimal branch of the bank organised a prize trip and there were junior games as well, although the cold day did not attract as many people as expected.

Wollongong welcomed the experienced Pat Brodnik into the midfield and he was the star of the show.

The young players were inspired by his presence and soon hit the lead.

In the 8th minute Jason Oldridge took advantage of a rebound from a shot by Brodnik, after the regular first grade player had made a good run on the left and hit the post from six metres Oldridge made no mistake.

Paul Okon was included in the Marconi team and played well enough, but it was the home side which made most of the running.

Mark Schwarzer had a busy time in the Marconi goal and denied Jason Higgs after a Richard Lloyd through ball.

Okon was unlucky to hit the crossbar in the 27th minute, but at the other end Higgs was denied by the keeper and Brodnik hit the post.

Newcomer Mick Atsas in goal for the first time for the Wolves tipped a Surjan effort over the bar in the 43rd and the single goal separated the two sides at half time.

Within two minutes of the restart Oldridge made it 2-0 when he cut in past the Marconi

Avala's Kuc demolishes game Sydney Olympic

BY DAVID COOPER

AVALA's exciting Yugoslavian import Milander Kuc was the difference between the two sides when he scored two goals and set up the other goal in their 3-1 win against a gallant Sydney Olympic side played at St George Stadium.

With the game looking like heading for a draw, Kuc, within the space of three minutes scored two goals to give them their fourth win from four games.

The game started off in sensational style when for the second time in the past two weeks, Sydney Olympic were a goal down within the first two minutes of the kick off.

But Kuc, with the ball on the left, beat his marker and his low cross into the centre found Paul Welch all alone on the six yard line and he had an easy tap in for Avala first goals.

The remainder of the half saw both teams play careful football making sure

left back and hit a left foot shot well past Schwarzer.

Marconi got on the scoresheet when awarded a penalty for handball by Angelo Piacentini, in the 73rd and Tony Surjan did the honours.

Three minutes later John Danzo finished off a pass from Oldridge nicely to make it 3-1 and as Oldridge had a header tipped over the bar and Krishna a header saved, Wollongong enjoyed themselves as they pressed home their advantage.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Atsas, Alport, Piacentini, Hristovski, Robards, Krishna, Higgs, Lloyd, Brodnik, Danzo, Oldridge.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: Schwarzer, Caluccio, Sersen, Mammone, Lovan, Dal'Est, Charlewood, Surjan, Okon, Vanegas, Licata (subs Budwe, Bowles).

REFEREE: A. Sporovski.

that no mistakes were made in the blustery conditions, with goalscoring opportunities mainly coming from long range efforts from outside the 18 yard area.

Sydney Olympic, with the wind at the backs, soon applied the pressure to the Avala defenders.

David Barrett was the first to go close when his attempted cross was caught by the wind and floating close to the goalmouth. It actually hit the top of the crossbar and bounced away.

Eric Hristodoulou went close to equalising when he found space in the box and his powerful shot crashed against the post and bounced away much to the relief of the Avala defenders.

Olympic received their just deserts when in the 68th minute Barrett cracked an absolute thunderbolt from about 40 yards out, which rocketed against the crossbar and straight back to Jerkovic who had an easy tap in.

Kuc, who was causing problems whenever Avala counter attacked, broke the deadlock in the 82nd minute, when after considerable pressure Kuc headed home a pin-point cross from fullback Steve Meades after he received a delightful through ball from John McKie.

Three minutes later Kuc put the game beyond Olympic's reach when he stole the ball from Triantafylou and took the ball into the area and neatly placed it past Meier who was advancing from his goalmouth.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Triantafylou, Bernal, Georgopoulos, Lardis, Aroujo, Hristodoulou, Jerkovic, Sharpley, Refenes.

AVALA: Rodic, Meades, Vukmirovic, Gonzalez, Barrios, Benitez, Nastoski (Glezakamp), Fitzharris, Kuc, McKie, Welch.

REFEREE: Nick Asaraitis.

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Blacktown about turn

BLACKTOWN City ended a week which had been filled with turmoil, in the best possible way when they thrashed Inter Monaro 6-0 at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

In a week which saw coach Tony Henderson replaced by Ron Corry, and also the departure of former Australian goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, Blacktown showed a complete from reversal which amazed even the most ardent Blacktown City supporter.

Blacktown, eager to get new coach Corry off to a good start, asserted their authority right from the start, and soon had Monaro moving backwards.

Blacktown's midfield for the first time this year worked as a unit and the benefits showed with the striker getting cleaner ball, which meant better goalscoring opportunities.

Blacktown, who were missing the spark in front of goals may have found the solution to that problem with young striker Stan Suman netting four of the six goals.

He opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when he was able to get a foot to a free-kick that was floated into the area.

Suman then added a second when he headed home a long cross from Geoff Gunning.

The floodgates then opened up in the second half when Blacktown scored four goals in 20 minutes.

Lawrie McKenna scored the first of these when was able to get a shot in after a goalmouth scramble, which ricocheted off a defender's leg and into the goal.

McKenna then



A Hajduk defender (white shirt) faces up to a determined Sydney Croatia attack at Edensor Park on Sunday.

Marshall Soper dismissed

Young Saints grab the initiative

BY DAVID COOPER

ST GEORGE recorded their third win for the 1990 season, when they defeated a 10 man Polonia side 1-0 at St George Stadium.

After a series of passes around Monaro's 18 yard box, the ball found its way to Suman standing on the corner of the box, and he let go with a thunderbolt which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Suman, to add salt to the wounds, scored a brilliant individual goal which saw him make a run from midway inside Monaro's half, leaving defenders and the goalkeeper in his wake and to score an easy tap in.

Inter Monaro at

times played good

attractive football, but

missed the leadership

and goalscoring qual-

ities at Sam Giam-

paolo.

BLACKTOWN CITY:

Mautone (Crews), Lees, Lan-

gan, Connolly, Gunning,

Comerford, Mason, Bennett,

Gibson, Suman, McKinna

(Ackerley).

INTER MONARO: Hos-

zowski, Montegorosso,

Arthur, Bryant, Williams,

Daniele, Carbone, Ambrosi-

no, Popovich, Chicco,

Maricic.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

— DAVID COOPER



Ex-Socceroo Greg Woodhouse makes a take for Blacktown City as Sydney Croatia's midfield star Pedro Ricoy homes in.

marching orders, which made Polonia's task a little harder as he was Polonia's main marksmen.

Using the spare man to their advantage, St George pressed hard to open up the scoring, however they couldn't find a way past determined Polonia goalkeeper, Bruce Thurlow.

In fact it was Polonia who nearly took the lead when David Beamer caught the St George defence napping and his well hit shot from the edge of area smashed against the post.

Seven minutes before half-time St George took the lead care of a penalty taken by Osvaldo El-Ali, after Chau had hardlled a Blago Milicevic header that was goalward bound.

The second half saw St George dominate and could have put away a least two relatively easy chances, which probalby could have being put down to inexperience.

At the same time Polonia was counter-attacking very effectively and was unlucky not to score one or two of their own.

To their credit,

Polonia defended strongly, especially in the second half when St George with the winds at their backs should have ready put them through the ringer.

ST GEORGE: Filan, Cian-

tar, Augerinos, Haragli,

Milicevic, McGregor, Kaka-

kios, El-Ali, Bingley, Poric

(Watson), Adioski (Follados).

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chau,

Thompson, Lasek, Robert-

son, Kolwicki, Mojsa (Dry),

Pratt (Anderson), Beamer,

Soper, Nowicki.

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.

Enthusiastic 1-1 draw at Hurstville in first clash

THIS first ever meeting between the two strong Macedonian sides in Sydney's south was staged at Hurstville Oval, with many festivities on the day and guests from local State government plus sponsors of the home side present at the ground.

The result, a 1-1 draw, was not unusual for a derby game, but both sides played attractive football in difficult conditions and on the balance of play the home side probably would have been satisfied with escaping with a point.

With a blustery breeze at their backs Sydney Macedonia took the game to Rockdale and used the pace of Kadric and Gilbert to good effect.

These two players broke clear in the 20th minute and took on the defence together, before Kadric hit a good shot which was partially cleared.

Theo Kotsias gained possession of the loose ball, slipped it to Kadric wide on the right and the 2nd Division's leading scorer from 1989 was able to find the net for his first goal in the top section.

Sydney Macedonia made most of the first half running, with Porter and Beddoni lonely

Macedonia outstanding

SYDNEY Macedonia made it three wins from three games when they defeated a Sydney Olympic outfit 2-1 at Jensen Oval on June 10.

Macedonia had to use all their experience to beat the youthful Olympic side that showed they will cause a lot of trouble for their more fancied rivals.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Baillie, Pilovski, Reverley, Fernandez, Kotsias, Arcosa, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kadric.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Triantafylou, Georgopoulos, Platanitis, Shapley, Lardis, Hristodoulou, Aroujo, Jerkovic, Referees.

REFEREE: Arthur Owens.

figures up front for Ilinden at that stage.

Just before the break a cross from the left by Kotsias was headed on by Scott Baillie, but Gilbert could not reach the ball at the far post to turn it into goal.

In the second half Rockdale began to look more effective and some hefty clearances by in-form Keith Warren took advantage of the wind in their favour.

Tony Avellino had a good game in goal for Macedonia as well and thwarted both Beddoni and Lerond who had shots from close range.

Macedonia were themselves denied by Warren who dived to his right to keep out a Gilbert drive, following an excellent run down the left flank by Baillie in the 67th minute.

Blagoje Petkovski arrived the previous week from Yugoslav club Koper and came into the action, via the substitutes bench, to make an immediate impact.

Rockdale forced a corner on the right which Greg Lerond swung over and which was scrambled away by the Macedonia defence for a left side corner, after 68 minutes.

Petkovski was given the duty of taking the second corner and his



precision cross to the near post was squeezed past the defenders on the goal-line by a delighted Bruno Beddoni.

Fabian Kadric sent Sasha Spirovski away in the 77th only for Warren to come well off his line and bring him to the ground.

From the resultant penalty it was Gilbert, and not regular spot kick-taker Kadric, who had the unwanted distinction of seeing Warren save his second penalty in two games and in similar circumstances.

Rockdale had the ball in the net again after a couple of good late raids, the last a Lerond free kick from 40 yards which went in, after a challenge on the 'keeper only to be ruled as unfair by referee David Naylor.

The 848 paying customers, swelled to almost 2,000 by the granting of free admission to ladies and all students, enjoyed a fine encounter, the first of many likely meetings between the two teams.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Willis, Lerond, Naumovski, Buchanan, Wilson, Markovski, Deveridge, Campbell (Petkovski), Beddoni, Porter.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Baillie, Pilovski, Reverley, Arcosa, Fernandez, Kotsias, Gilbert (Genovese), Spirovski, Kadric.

REFEREE: D. Naylor.

NEWCASTLE BHP Austral failed to stop Canberra Croatia recording its 13th straight win in pre-season, cup, friendly and league matches when it went down 2-0 at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

The visiting side began well enough, but a sterile spell in the middle of the game cost it the points.

Croatia had an early let-off when Ralph Maier used the wind to pump a long, high pass to Robbie Ironside.

The striker, showing none of the sharpness which characterised his play for Quit National League champion Sydney Olympic during the summer, seemed startled to receive the ball and promptly lost it to goalkeeper Peter Gunning.

The breakthrough came six minutes before half time.

Referee Bob Marshall judged Stan Dukic had been shoved in the box, goalkeeper Craig Carter received a yellow caution card as a result of his vigorous protests to the contrary, then

RESULTS

CONFERENCE A: Rockdale-Ilinden 1 (Beddoni) Sydney Macedonia 1 (Kadric), Sydney Olympic 1 (Jerkovic) Avala 3 (Kuc 2, Welch, Can-

berra Croatia 2 (Reis, Lemezina) BHP Austral 0, Wollongong City 3 (Oldridge 2, Danzo) Marconi 1 (Surjan pen), Warringah-Freshwater bye.

CONFERENCE B: St George 1 (El Ali) Polonia 0, Canterbury Marrickville 1 (Divljak) Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Kay, Fletcher), Sydney Croatia v North Shore United postponed, Blacktown City 6 (Suman 4, McKenna 2), Inter Monaro 0, Sutherland bye.

Composite Table

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
Avala	4	4	0	0	14	5	8
St George	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
Rockdale Ilinden	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Sydney Macedonia	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Wollongong Mac	4	2	2	0	10	8	6
Sutherland Shire	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Canterbury	5	3	0	2	10	9	6
Polonia	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	7	5	4
BHP Austral	4	1	1	2	4	3	
Blacktown City	5	1	0	4	10	11	2
Wollongong City	5	1	0	4	6	13	2
North Shore Utd.	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
Marconi	5	0	1	4	1	10	1
Inter Monaro	5	0	0	5	5	16	0
Sydney Olympic	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	5	4	0	1	9	6	8
Wollongong City	5	4	0	1	8	5	8
Canberra	4	3	1	0	11	2	7
Polonia	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Wollongong Mac	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Avala	4	3	0	1	9	4	6
Sydney Macedonia	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
BHP Austral	3	1	2	0	10	8	4
Inter Monaro	5	1	2	2	7	7	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
North Shore Utd.	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
St George	5	0	3	2	5	11	3
Sutherland Shire	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
Canterbury	5	0	1	4	4	10	1
Marconi	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
Rockdale Ilinden	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Sydney Olympic	4	0	0	4	5	13	0

Canberra Croatia's winning streak

BY GRAHAM COOKE

could do nothing to stop Alan Reis' firmly struck spot kick.

Quality team work produced Croatia's second in the 52nd minute.

Reis began the move out on the right; his pass found Dukic who flicked it on for Lemezina to split the defence and score on the run.

And the home fans were ready to cheer another 10 minutes later when Ned Zelic surged forward with the ball at his feet.

Sensing both Reis and Lemezina were falling into the offside trap, he kept going, dodging a tackle from Howard Tredinnick, skipping wide of a despairing Carter, then blazing the ball over the bar when the slightest tap would have put him on the score sheet.

As the game wound down Croatia gave away a series of worrying free kicks on or about the edge of its penalty area.

Ironside had a chance to show his worth: his first effort thudded into the defensive wall; then Wayne Bailey had a go, his lob failing to



Canberra Croatia's Ray Junna.

find the head of the incoming Boogaard; finally Ironside's final chance took a deflection off a defender and away for a harmless corner.

Doug Marcina had one of his most involved games of the season, mixing defence with some telling probes down the flank. Joe Gagetti made two strong runs, both times

NSW State League outfit Rockdale Ilinden will soon be fielding both their classy imports. They are striker Blagoje Petkovski and defender Mendo Ralevski.

NSW

Wednesday June 27 State League Conference B: Sydney Croatia v North Shore, Croatian Sports Centre, 7pm, 9pm. Division 3: West Wanderers v North Ryde, Francis Park, 6.30pm & 8.15pm.

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SATURDAY JUNE 23

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Wollongong City
Rockdale Ilinden v Avala

Austral Park
Hurstville Oval

DIVISION 2

Waverley v Dulwich Hill

Waverley Oval

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Bankstown v Concordia
West Wanderers v Hills United

Jensen Park
Harold Read Res

SUNDAY JUNE 24

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Warringah v Sydney Olympic
Sydney Macedonia v Canberra Croatia
Marconi — bye

Cromer Park
Jensen Oval

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Sutherland v St George
Polonia v Canterbury
Wollongong Mac v Sydney Croatia
Blacktown City v North Shore Utd
Inter Monaro — bye

Seymour Shaw
Chopin Park
Brandon Park
Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Campbelltown v Gladesville
Central Coast v Fairfield City
Auburn Yugal v Granville Chile
Southern Dist v Manly Warringah
Rosebery v Mt Druitt
Petersham v Orange

Bensley Rd
Pluim Park
Mona Park
Ernie Smith
ES Marks
Erskineville Oval

DIVISION 3

Mt Pritchard v Canterbury & Dist
Bathurst '75 v Cyprus United
Uni of NSW v Port Hacking
North Ryde RSL v Lemnos Allstars

Mt Pritchard
Bathurst SG
Little Bay Oval
Magdal Park

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Coach Seeks Position

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Dulwich Hill, Southern Dists at top

BY PAUL GOODWIN

WAVERLEY began the weekend well with a resounding 5-0 win at Waverley Oval at the expense of Orange Waratah.

Avi Ronen got the first of his two goals with a header in the 28th minute, from a Steve Milloy cross, which came after a John Devenay cross had been helped over the line by Jeff Johnson after hitting the underside of the bar in the 25th.

Jimmy Berry put away a Barry Walker cross, before Walker, himself, headed a Bobby McPherson corner home.

To wrap things up a Ronen header came late in the game, as Waverley showed few signs that they were missing either Joe Watson or Peter Treacey.

Petersham found Mount Druitt full of confidence after a Thursday night defeat of Central Coast at Popondetta Park, where John White scored the only goal.

Wayne Farnsworth had a late penalty attempt saved by Coast goalie Dave Fitzsimmons, in a game either side could have won.

Ian Parry gave Lusitanos the lead in the 26th from the spot after Craig Poole had been brought down by the 'keeper.

Headers by defender David Close and midfielder Don Campbell saw 'Town Rangers' home 2-1 to end Petersham's run of good results.

It is Mount Druitt who now have three wins in a row and the prospect of another tomorrow (Thursday) when they take on Auburn Yugal at Popondetta.

Fairfield and Campbelltown staged a fierce 0-0 draw at a wintry Knight Park, where Sep

Disch hit the post late in the game and a Ray Carney free kick was pushed over the bar by Julio Lobos, now having broken into the Fairfield side after a successful season with Granville last term.

Appeals for a penalty also fell on deaf ears, when the Vikings were instead awarded a free kick, which the team felt should have been for an offence inside the box.

Southern Districts got home by the skin of their teeth against a dogged Granville Chile at Garside Park, Gerkin Tasdemir making the most of a lofted ball from playmaker Aytac Genc by racing into the area and after first hitting the post slamming the rebound into the net in the 89th minute for a 1-0 win.

Manly Warringah was another side to find Rosebery well below their early season form and despatched the visitors 4-1 despite being without several senior players.

Debutant goalie Miles Cornish was superb and the Under-19 star scorer, Warwick Turpin, got his chance and grabbed a hat-trick.

It was Tiz Morosini, however, who scored first by running onto and heading home a Tom Gavin cross in the 16th minute.

A long clearance by Cornish was nodded on by Mark Butler in the path of Turpin who put his side two up, before Erkin Osman converted a penalty awarded for handball just before the break.

Two minutes after the restart Turpin got his second, hammering home from close range and completed a dream debut by notching a penalty after being brought down by Billy Griffiths in the box.

Gladesville were de-

sperately unlucky not to defeat Auburn Yugal at Christie Park, settling instead for a 2-2 draw.

Graeme Williamson got on the end of a Chris Butt free kick in the 21st minute to make it 1-0, but a super shot from Wally Apanian, who accepted a ball from Vlado Zoric in the 30th, cancelled that out.

In the 53rd minute Auburn took the lead, Paul Pettenon driving home, after a free kick left the ball at his feet.

The Mitre 10 Bears drew level when Paul Mamo slotted the ball past Pinto after a quickly taken short corner in the 62nd.

Jeff Kelly, Chris Butt and Graeme Williamson all hit the woodwork in the closing stages as Gladesville laid siege to the Yugal goal.

It was yet another score draw for Gladesville who have now drawn games in this fashion seven times from fifteen appearances.

The upset of the day was Dulwich Hill's defeat by Central Coast at Arlington Oval.

Having been disappointed to go down 1-0 at Mount Druitt on Thursday night, it could not have been a thrilling prospect to meet the unbeaten leaders on their own turf three days later.

The 2-1 win to the visitors was indeed a shock. Coast took the lead through a penalty by skipper Dale Eggleton, after a terrific build up ended with Andrew Ollier on his back in the

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Hajduk wins last match

BY TONY HARPER OF AAP

YUGOSLAVIAN first division side Hajduk Split scored a 2-0 win over a Sydney Croatia soccer team branded too respectful by its coach, Tony Vrzina, at the Croatian Sports Ground on Sunday.

Split scored second-half goals through dazzling midfielder Marin Lalic and Ante Mise to round off its Australian tour.

Mise grabbed the first when Sydney's defence held off overlapping defender Grgica Kovac.

Kovac sent a curling ball from the right into the path of Dean Racuica, who squared across the six-yard box to an unmarked Mise.

The first was a soft ball conceded because of hesitancy at the back of Croatia's defence but the second was down to the dainty skills of Lalic.

He was the smallest player on the field yet had the most affinity with it, confusing the Sydney players with his touches and speed across the surface.

Lalic quickly brought a ball from Igor Stimach under control, seethed past two defenders and

scored a couple ourselves but our goalkeeper Mladen Pralija easily had his best game in Australia.

Madeira responded almost immediately with a superb 35 metre free kick from wide on the left which prompted Central Coast coach Jim Foley to quip that the scorer Zaya Jabrael should have been in Italy rather than humble Arlington.

Coast's in-form striker Jason Gribble notched the winner with a corkscrew of a shot from 25 metres in the 66th which dipped late giving Kevin Farrar no chance.

Further chances to Gribble and Paul Corbett went begging as 'Hill attacked desperately without success in the dying stages.

The win puts Central Coast into the top four for the first time and leaves Dulwich Hill once more level with Southern Districts.

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"The first one was an easy goal but apart from that we held them well

Singapore offers for Olympic stars

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S dynamic strike duo, Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad, have taken the Malaysian National Soccer League by storm.

They are currently on loan to Singapore, which now desperately wants to buy them outright.

Since joining Singapore they have helped lift the team from fifth position to second.

In a match last week Singapore trailed a goal down early, but then Edwards and Saad took over and cracked in two goals each for a Singapore 4-1 win.

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Edwards and Saad are both insured for \$200,000 by Singapore, a condition insisted upon by Sydney Olympic prior to their lease to Asia.

Sydney Olympic president George Pashalis was contacted over the weekend by Singaporean officials seeking the purchase of Edwards and Saad.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Dulwich Hill	14	9	2	1	29	9	22
Southern Dist.	14	10	2	2	29	14	22
Camp'town Vik.	15	7	4	4	28	13	18
Fairfield City	15	5	8	2	20	15	18
Central Coast	16	8	2	6	21	20	18
Petersham	15	4	8	3	15	15	16
Granville Chile	16	6	3	7	20	24	15
Waverley	13	5	4	4	21	16	14
Manly W'gah	15	5	4	6	21	16	14
Gill's H'by	16	3	7	6	21	28	13
Rosebery	13	5	2	6	23	26	12
Mt Druitt Town	15	4	7	4	17	19	12
Auburn Yugal	15	3	5	7	14	19	11
Orange War.	16	0	3	13	11	43	3

Hawkesbury Dist.	9	4	4	1	20	11	12
Hajduk Rangers	11	5	1	5	23	29	11
Colo Colo	10	4	1	5	27	14	9
Arcliffe	11	3	1	4	22	19	7
Rooty Hill Gunner	10	3	1	8	15	34	3
Belmore Hercules	10	1	1	8	15	34	3
Croatia Syd Jnrs	9	0	1	8	7	30	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

West Dist Hellas	11	8	2	1	38	13	18
Macquarie Uni.	11	7	2	1	28	16	18
Alexander	10	6	2	2	27	14	14
L'g'ow Workmen	11	6	2	3	21	15	14
Ashour Star	10	5	3	2	22	19	13
Prospect United	9	6	0	3	18	13	12
Sporting Peru	10	6	0	2	10	19	12
Sydney Uni.	10	3	0	7	17	23	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

Chile Sports	11	3	0	8	26	6
GNS United	11	2				

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THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 16/6/90 — WEEK 255

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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

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MOOROOLBARK	CROYDON CITY	7																		
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SANDRINGHAM	WESTERN SUBS.	12																		
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CHELSEA	BRIGHTON	18																		
KEILOR	DONCASTER	19																		
STIRLING MDC	KELM SCOTT	20																		
SORRENTO	W.H. PERTH	21																		
ENTHAWA	PERTH ITALIA	22																		
FORRESTFIELD	BALGA	23																		
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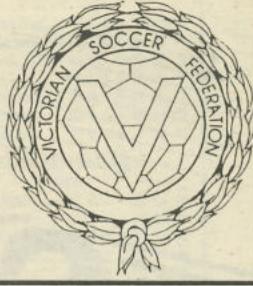
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Altona Gate.....21 14 5 2 56 14 33

Morwell.....21 14 3 4 30 19 20

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Lawkner.....21 12 2 7 55 30 26

Thomastown.....20 10 6 4 40 22 26

N.Cote City.....21 12 2 7 48 30 26

St.Albans.....20 11 1 8 22 19 23

R.Wood City.....21 10 2 9 34 11 22

Bulleen.....21 6 8 7 34 31 20

Caulfield.....21 9 0 12 34 36 18

Croydon City.....20 7 3 10 29 35 17

Box Hill.....21 6 3 12 25 35 15

Green Gully.....21 5 5 11 25 16 45

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Mooroolbark.....21 1 6 14 9 48 8

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VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Springvale City.....12 6 2 2 21 15 18

Knox City.....12 7 3 2 22 17 17

Westgate.....12 7 2 3 23 13 16

Oakleigh.....12 7 2 3 23 14 16

Doveton.....12 7 2 3 18 9 16

Port Melb.....12 5 6 1 14 10 16

Essendon City.....12 3 5 4 14 16 11

Mordialloc.....12 4 3 5 9 12 11

Western Suburbs.....12 6 2 4 14 17 10

Marib.Polonia.....12 5 2 5 25 25 9

Werribee.....12 3 3 6 9 14 9

Nth.Geelong.....12 3 2 7 16 21 8

Broadmeadows.....12 3 2 7 11 18 8

Sandringham.....12 1 10 7 25 3

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton.....12 9 3 0 29 9 21

Port Melb.....12 8 3 1 31 11 19

Oakleigh.....12 7 4 1 20 9 18

Nth.Geelong.....12 7 2 3 30 16 16

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Knox City.....12 4 4 27 28 12

Broadmeadows.....12 5 2 5 24 30 12

Werribee.....12 3 5 4 28 21 11

Essendon City.....12 3 4 5 15 16 10

Springvale City.....12 3 3 6 14 9

Westgate.....11 2 4 5 13 34 8

Sandringham.....11 2 2 7 10 22 6

Mordialloc.....12 1 4 7 15 33 6

Western Suburbs.....12 3 8 17 28 5

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton.....12 8 1 3 21 16 17

Bell Park.....11 4 7 0 13 7 15

Doncaster.....12 5 4 3 21 17 14

Clifton Hill.....12 5 4 3 12 10 14

Keilor.....11 6 1 4 20 12 13

Waverley City.....12 5 3 4 20 13 13

Sunbury United.....12 5 2 5 23 20 12

Geelong.....12 5 2 5 17 23 12

Chester.....12 5 2 5 21 21 12

Dandenong.....12 5 2 5 20 20 12

Numurad.City.....12 2 6 4 16 22 10

Coburg.....10 3 2 5 11 16 8

Richmond.....12 2 4 6 14 7 8

Ringwood Utd.....12 0 4 8 10 28 4

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Keilor.....11 8 3 0 35 9 19

Doncaster.....12 5 4 2 27 10 16

Clifton Hill.....11 7 2 24 9 16

Ballarat.....14 8 2 4 30 21 18

Waverley Utd.....14 5 2 7 19 17 12

Brintons.....14 5 2 7 18 25 12

Brandon Park.....14 3 5 6 15 19 11

Fitzroy City.....14 3 4 7 15 20 10

Port United.....14 3 2 9 15 30 8

Kew Eagles.....14 2 3 9 16 41 7

Unif.Meli.....14 1 4 9 14 28 6

South Yarra.....14 1 4 9 11 29 6

Rimwood Rovers.....14 2 2 10 13 36 6

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

St.Springsdale.....14 9 2 3 27 14 20

Meadow Park.....13 8 3 2 31 22 19

Ballarat.....14 6 1 7 29 36 13

Frankston Utd.....13 6 1 5 17 28 13

Port United.....14 5 2 7 27 30 12

Stonbridge.....14 5 2 4 34 15 15

Brandon Park.....14 3 3 8 26 28 9

Concorde.....14 3 3 5 16 19 11

Fitzroy.....14 3 4 7 15 20 10

Port United.....14 3 2 9 15 30 8

Kew Eagles.....14 0 2 12 10 47 2

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS

Mentone Utd.....14 9 2 3 30 12 20

Wanlina.....14 9 1 4 31 12 19

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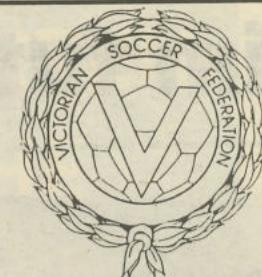
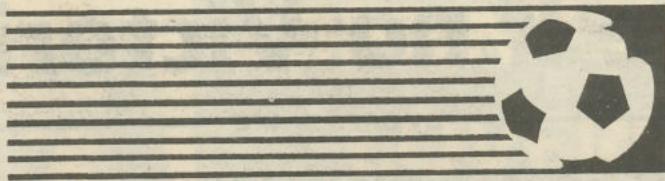
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**SUPPORTS
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FEDERATION**



Victorian Soccer Federation

Heidelberg, Croydon City dispute leadership

BY GREG BLAKE AND DAVID BULLOCK

**MORWELL FALCONS 1
THOMASTOWN 1**

Title-holder Morwell Falcons' wretched run of luck continued on Saturday when it was held to a 1-1 draw at home against a courageous Thomastown side.

Thomastown looked down and almost out before half time after losing player-coach Kenny Murphy with a groin injury after just 18 minutes play.

Morwell cut loose to carve out eight clear chances to three before the break, without breaking the scoreless deadlock and perplexed Morwell boss Bobby McLachlan was left scratching his head.

"I couldn't have asked for more in that first half — they couldn't have played better," McLachlan said of his charges.

"Last year we seemed to get the breaks our way."

"This year we're starting to get frustrated and when you panic a bit you let the other team back in."

Highlights of the game before the break were magnificent saves at both ends with Zoran Janakievski stopping a scorching drive from Morwell's Billy Wright, and Morwell second string keeper Alex Eacott producing an equally as sensational effort to thwart the visitors.

Thomastown made the most of its chance to take the game up to the home side and went ahead in the 52nd minute through Danny Zemanik.

Morwell equalised 10 minutes later with Sean Byrne putting away an Eiffie Cassar corner.

Byrne was later involved in a tangle with Thomastown's George Mihos, which resulted in Mihos being sent off for an early shower.

**B.JUVENTUS 2
MELBOURNE JUST 0**

"Now we're back in the hunt," were Brunswick Juventus' coach Terry Hennessey's words after his side downed Melbourne JUST 2-0 on Sunday.

It was Hennessey's first admission that his side is in with a shout for the 1990 title despite a barnstorming run from near bottom to third from top since he took over the side in the early stages of the season.

Sunday's result might have been different had



Paul Lewis — Heidelberg's top scorer.

JUST taken advantage of a flying start.

Carlos Retre was the main culprit as JUST frittered away early chances — an inglorious miss from three metres in the first five minutes sapping his confidence.

By the 20th minute Juve was starting to hit its straps and a glorious team goal 22 minutes in, set the scene for a vital victory.

Four one-touch passes down the field, involving Reno Minichiello, Steve Smith and Sean Lane, set up the match for Lane who ended the move with a deft chip over the goalkeeper.

JUST had its moments — a marvellous run by Davor Lasic early in the second half should have resulted in a goal to McMinimee.

As Hennessey conceded after the game: "They're a good side with one or two individuals who can really play a bit."

They were always in it."

Juve finally struck for its second goal just one minute from time with Lane's cross providing Smith with his 12th goal in only 16 appearances in the black and white.

**HEIDELBERG 2
ALBION 0**

Albion's glorious run

to the head of the table is just a memory following the club's third defeat in four matches at the hands of Heidelberg on Sunday.

Albion, despite four new signings in as many weeks, has managed just a single point (against Box Hill) in its last four outings, and never looked a chance during Sunday's 2-0 defeat at the hands of the league top dogs.

A healthy crowd of nearly 1800 saw Heidelberg go for the jugular from the start but it had to wait until the 53rd minute to take the lead as Phil Stubbins headed home Alan Scott's free kick.

Nine minutes later a Scott corner was pushed on by Stuart Stevenson and Angie Goutzioulis volleyed home for 2-0.

Albion's last hopes for a comeback were dashed when Andrew Freund, in only his third game for the club since moving from South Melbourne, was sent off following an incident involving Garry McDowell.

Heidelberg top scorer Paul Lewis didn't take any further part in the game after half time after being taken to hospital following a clash with Donny MacLeod.

But Lewis has given

himself the all-clear for this week's double round.

"There was nothing in it, we just went for the ball at the same time," said Lewis.

"I was slightly concussed and just a bit dazed and I couldn't concentrate."

**FAWKNER 1
MOOROOLBARK 2**

In the upset result of round 21 Mooroolbark pulled itself back from a 5-0 drubbing at the hands of Heidelberg just six days beforehand to down high-riding Fawkner 2-1 at Jukes Road on Sunday.

Veteran Dave Brogan struck twice to sink a Fawkner side which has struggled all year to find its best form at home.

"We played rubbish and deserved to lose," said a Fawkner spokesman in a stinging attack.

"Yes, it was our worst performance of the season."

Much-maligned Mooroolbark stunned the home fans when Brogan struck for his first goal after just 20 minutes.

Fawkner rarely looked likely to threaten in an uninspiring display but the home gallery received some short-lived joy when Emmanuel was up-enc-

ded just outside the area in the 70th minute and Fakwner equalised from the free kick.

Claude Lucchesi's free kick went short to O'Dell and O'Dell pumped the ball inside to where Emanuelle was on hand to deflect it home.

Mooroolbark's deserved winner came 13 minutes from time when Marchett lost a challenge to Graham French and French set up Brogan, who finished off neatly.

The win was a confidence booster for Mooroolbark which must face Croydon under lights at Esther Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm.

**GREEN GULLY 3
RINGWOOD CITY 4**

When these two sides last met at Green Gully Reserve in 1989, a total of seven goals were scored, with the home side scoring six of them.

Green Gully looked likely winners again in this fixture, but the battlers from Jubilee Park had other ideas.

Gully took the lead three minutes from half time when Jeff Faulkner made no mistake from the penalty spot.

They went two up early in the second half when Kevin Harrison fired home.

Suddenly Ringwood clawed their way back into the game when John Corvan bent a free kick around the wall, with the pressure building.

Ringwood equalised when Steve Walker nodded his header past the keeper.

This enthralling encounter took another twist when Aki Kotsamichalis gave the home side back the lead, but Ringwood were not to be outdone.

The game was levelled up once again at 3-3 when Micky Maguire made sure of his penalty kick was right on target.

With ten minutes remaining, a goal mouth scramble resulted in an own goal, giving Ringwood the lead, both sides continued to attack at all costs.

But time ran out for Gully to get the equaliser and in a major upset of the round, Ringwood proved they are not done for the 1990 season.

**CAULFIELD 2
ALTONA GATE 4**

Not even a freak goal from Caulfield keeper

Dean Anastasiadis could stop vastly improving Altona Gate from taking the points in an entertaining encounter.

With only five minutes of the game gone, Caulfield took the lead in sensational circumstances.

Anastasiadis's kick was carried down field by the strong gusty wind. Altona keeper Sashi Kociski, who was not fully concentrating, could only stare in amazement as the ball bounced into the back of his net.

Altona got back on level terms 20 minutes into the first half when Gary McMullen headed home his ninth goal of the season.

Then one minute from the half time break, Goran Georgievski gave Altona the lead, latching onto a well struck first time shot.

Con Pappas brought back the scoreline to 2-2 when he scored his 13th goal of the season from the penalty spot.

Altona took back the lead through an own goal. Then five minutes from full time Mitrovski made the game safe for the visitors when he headed powerfully from close range.

**FRANKSTON PINES 2
NORTHCOTE 1**

Frankston Pines bounced back from their 6-0 drubbing by Brunswick Juventus last weekend to register a shock 2-1 victory over inconsistent Northcote City.

With both teams locked at 0-0 at half time, Northcote came out firing in the second half to take the lead.

Jimmy Constantino's shot was placed sweetly beyond a hapless Pines keeper, Lee Davies.

Suddenly the Pines team showed some much needed drive and completely took over proceedings.

Steve Keenan got the game side back on level terms midway through the half, cleverly backheeling the ball into the net.

Doug Hodgson gave Pines their second victory of the season when he headed the ball home into the left hand corner of the goal to the delight of the Pines' loyal fans.

**BULLEEN 2
BOX HILL 0**

Bulleen, under new coach Andy Bozikas,

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took the points in muddy conditions against bottom team Box Hill.

They took an early lead in the 11th minute when Alex Livingston converted from the penalty spot.

For the remainder of the first half, Bulleen took a stranglehold on the game, but let themselves down with poor finishing.

Bulleen continued to assert their authority in the second half, and in the 73rd minute a Michael Branov corner kick was collected by Fabio Incantalo, who scrambled the ball over the goal line.

In the 80th minute Branov was shown the red card for his second bookable offence of the afternoon.

Alan Gentry resigned the Bulleen coaching post last week for personal reasons.

**CROYDON 1
ST ALBANS 0**

Croydon City's Dave Klepac scored a sensational goal two minutes into stoppage time in the second half to keep Croydon's title challenge very much alive.

Town Park, renowned for its poor playing surface, made the game a scrappy affair, with both sides evenly matched in all departments.

When the game looked headed to end in a draw, Dave Klepac latched onto a rebound outside the penalty area to thunder home a powerful drive, much to the disappointment of 11 St Albans players on the field.

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES —
ROUND 22**

Wednesday: Mooroolbark v Croydon.

Saturday: Albion v Caulfield, Altona Gate v Bulleen, Green Gully v B.Juventus, Melbourne JUST v Morwell Fal's, St Albans v Heidelberg, Northcote v Fawkner, Ringwood v Frankston P's.

ROUND 23

Sunday: Box Hill v Caulfield, Brunswick Juv v Morwell, Albion v Croydon, Altona Gate v Heidelberg, Thomastown v Bulleen, Northcote v Green Gully, Ringwood v Melbourne JUST, St Albans v Fawkner, Mooroolbark v Frankston Pines.

LEADING SCORERS:
Lewis (Heid) 14, Pappas (Caul) 13, Smith (Juve) 12, McMullen (Alt) 9, Tuck (Bull) 7, Livingston (Bull) 7, Douglas (Alb) 7, Klepac (Croy) 7, Goutzoulis (Heid) 7, Aneziakas (N'Cote) 7.

**THE PAPER THAT
PRINTS ALL YEAR**

Grim future if no Victorian reform

BY GREG BLAKE

IT is now history that, well intentioned or not, the lack of support by Victorian League clubs has seen to it that there is little or no chance of a Victorian State "Super League" being formed, at least in the form proposed currently, in the near future.

My immediate reaction to the proposal to form such a league being rejected for the third time at a VSF special general meeting nearly two weeks ago was one of disappointment and disgust.

Disappointment that these clubs didn't see the absolute necessity to dramatically alter the current composition of the State League for the short term good of our much-maligned game.

And disgust at the attitudes projected by club delegates, in private of course.

The Victorian League has, made it quite clear that, as a body, it will not cop what it sees as a superficial attempt to kick the code along by forming the 'super league'.

But as the situation now stands, the Victorian League clubs might have hammered a nail into their own competition's future.

If, for example, a National League 'second division' was to be formed (and, mark my words, there is every chance of this happening) the Victorian League clubs would not be invited to have any involvement and would more than likely be left out of contention for the 'big time' forever and a day.

Such is the current animosity between the warring factions.

The Victorian League can be likened to a man pushing his wheelbarrow full of bricks up a steep hill in the hope of building his house at the summit.

Such is his determination that, as he is cresting the hill, he gives the barrow one final thrust and his barrow load careers over the top and goes crashing down the other side.

The Vic. League clubs were determined to use their 'super league' no votes as a lever to gain further representation on the VSF Board of Management.

In the long term the Vic Leaguers hoped to implement long-term plans for the complete re-structuring of soccer



John Dimtsis, VSF chairman, on a happier occasion with 1989 star Velimir Kupresak. Dimtsis well knows the improvement needed in his state.

in Victoria.

Very noble sentiments indeed.

The previous no vote on the 'super league' in April had the desired effect and a joint meeting between

VSF hierarchy, NSL repre-

sentatives, and

representatives of

State League, Victo-

rian NSL and State

League clubs are, you can be assured, no longer receptive to any input by the junior partner.

Which is in many ways a shame.

ASW requested copies of submissions drawn up by VLMC

Love, Ted Seward and Bart Harrold.

Of the trio ASW judged Harrold's to be the most representative of the ideas proposed in all three.

We re-print Bart Harrold's submission in full —

It is my belief that various changes need to take place within the VSF structure for the following reasons:

A. With the existing over governed multi-committee system no real progress is achieved without conflict.

B. We are failing to promote the game and continue to fall behind other sports (i.e. basketball, etc.)

C. We have reduced junior participation even in comparison to other less populated states.

D. Voting and board representation is not equal — thus making it possible for self-interest groups to manipulate the system.

E. The rules and regulations need to be reviewed and changed so that legal action is reduced to a minimum.

combined then number of board members should be the same.

1993 6 divisions of State / Vic. League combined. One club — one vote. National League have 1/3rd combined vote. To carry any changes to rules etc. requires 51% (in lieu of 75%). Change board to following composition:

One — National League

Two — State / Vic. combined

One — Juniors

One — Provisional / Country etc.

+ Chairman (non voting)

1994 5 divisions of State / Vic. League combined. One drops to Provisional where alteration is made to 4 x 14 team leagues. Board remains as per 1993.

1995 4 divisions of combined league. One further league drops to Provisional. One Provisional league drops to Amateur. Delegates are then appointed by their leagues on the following basis:

One — National League

Two — State Com-

game now.

They all insist that they are working for the game itself and I have no doubt some of them are genuine in their desire to see the code progress.

But there are an equal number who only see the game as a platform from which they promote them-



Blake — plea for improvements.

selves or their own identity.

The message to all of them must be that, if the leagues and the competitions are healthy, it only stands to reason that they and their club will benefit in the long-term anyway.

The game doesn't owe us something.

And, more to the point, we do not own the game.

We are only looking after the game for future generations and I, for one, don't want to see our generation's legacy being a sport with no future.

Victorian soccer is just that right now.



Action in Melbourne! But unless the administrators get it right, soccer football will continue to suffer.

members outlining their suggestions for long-term changes in the set up of Victorian soccer.

Three submissions were drafted, each by a separate member of a VLMC special sub-committee formed to complete just such a task.

Submissions were received by Neilson

Some suggestions therefore are put forward below for discussion:

1991 (2x12) or (2x14) State League voting as per submission at meeting of 3.5.90

1992 Amend board structure to have representation in line with voting — that is, if total votes of Vic. League equal total votes of State League plus National League

bined League

One — Provisional

One — Amateur /

Industrial

One — Country

One — Junior

These delegates deal with day to day problems of the various leagues. They also appoint a Chairman plus they appoint, outside this delegation, 3 non club aligned commissioners to run the business end

Weston leads Westy in Northern NSW

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WESTON is making a valiant attempt to pull off both the minor and major premierships in this season's Northern NSW First Division.

The famous old Coalfields club is just adrift of West Wallsend, the Bluebells having won their first round clash and Weston not having lost since then.

Weston won the grand final last season, but coach Derek Thompson now has his eyes on the coveted double.

Club official Jim Mate said: "The whole team is functioning well, with a lot of credit going to Dennis King and Brett Mehrton, both of whom excelled as Northern NSW representatives last year."

Weston plays on the neat Workers Club ground and rely on



their popular pre-season competition to help raise a fair proportion of the season's income.

Also in First Division are the Cessnock Hornets, which leads to some great local derbies.

Cessnock will soon occupy the revamped Turner Park, and aim to work in with the Cessnock Bowling Club to establish their future in the one complex.

As an extra bonus for the Coalfields, Maitland Magpies are heading up the Second Division.

The clubs all draw from the Hunter Association and the local Super League junior sides.

British media is not amused

ROME — The state of British soccer came under attack as the British media pilloried the poor performance of its team in the 1-1 draw with Eire.



England's Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley embrace after Lineker scored against the Republic of Ireland.

"Artless, charmless, worthless," said the "Guardian."

"Britain sinking in a sea of insularity," thundered "The Thunderer," otherwise known as "The Times".

The tabloid "Sun" went as far as suggesting in a front page editorial that the England team, which drew 1-1 with Ireland on Monday in Sardinia, be brought home immediately before it caused any more shame.

"It was truly the most appalling performance by an England team in living memory," the Sun wrote.

"And how the world must have watched and laughed."

The attacks were not just confined to England, with the Scots having lost 1-0 to rank outsider Costa Rica, and Britain's near-neighbour Eire being criticised for its lack of skill and imagination.

The criticism centred

Empty seats

EMPTY places in World Cup grounds have annoyed Italian fans who were unable to buy tickets, but an organising committee spokesman said 90 per cent of the tickets had been sold.

The worst attended match so far was the encounter between the Soviet Union and Romania in Bari.

Only 25,000 fans turned up although organisers said 43,000 tickets had been sold.

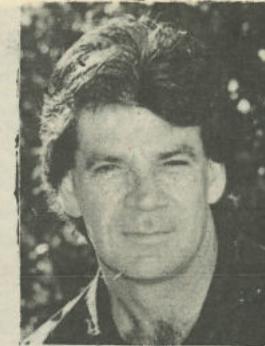
"Many tickets were brought by foreign tour operators and companies as packages and there are always individual matches which do not interest visitors," said tournament director Luca di Montezemolo.

However, local fans feel frustrated at not being able to watch the World Cup.

Australian TV viewers have been able to see for themselves that many of the grounds were far from full.



JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP



Bergomi leads by example

ROME — At 26, Italy's captain Giuseppe Bergomi is not an old man by soccer standards. But to Italian fans, it seems like the tall rightback has been wearing the blue shirt of the Azzurri all his life.

He became the youngest member ever in the national squad in 1982, playing at a level that belied his 18 years as the Italians marched past Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany to win the World Cup in Spain.

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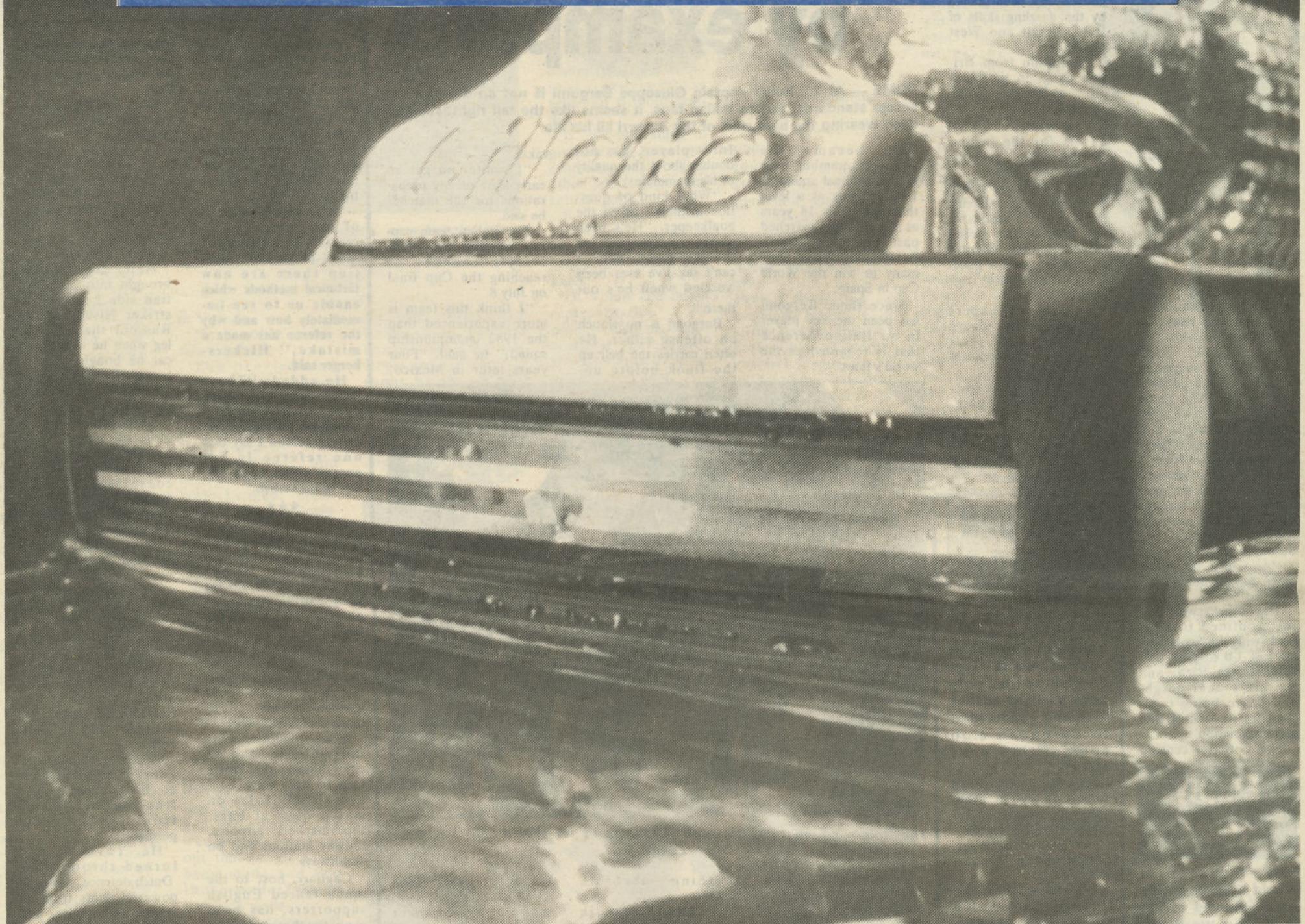
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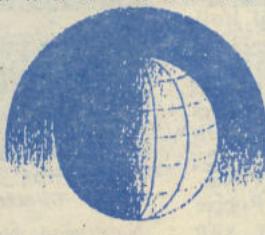
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YOUR SUPER SOCCER CHANNEL

Pacific Umbro Soccer Camps in holidays

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Australian World Cup coach Frank Arok will head up a star coaching staff at the PACIFIC UMBRO SOCCER CAMPS during the coming school holidays.

The coaching staff is studded with star names and stacked with experience.

It includes Dez Marston, Grant Lee, Robbie Hooker, Gary van Egmond, Mark Brown, George Harris, Jean-Paul De Marigny, Douggi Utjesenovic and Matthew Bingley.

The panel also includes one of Australia's leading goalkeeping coaches, Fred Wall, whose track record is second to none.

Wall will be assisted by St George's ASW Player of the Year and ASW-Reusch Goalkeeper of the Year, John Filan.

World Cup referee Richard Lorenc will also be at the Live-In camp to lecture on the Laws of the Game.

So popular have these Soccer Camps been that the organisers have provided live-in accommodation for the NSW Academy of Sport at Narrabeen.

The non-live-in sessions will be staged at Bankstown, Dee Why.



Frank Arok, Coaching Director.

Narrabeen, North Ryde and Rockdale.

For further information on any of these July holiday Soccercamps operating throughout Sydney, please contact (02) 977 2992.

THE Australian Institute of Sport has continued its unbeaten run during its Asian tour, with games in China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia.

Its toughest test came in a match with the Chinese senior outfit Guangzhou City where it came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 through Stephen Corcoran.

Then came a narrow 1-0 win over Seabee of Hong Kong, Mario Crivari scoring from the penalty spot after he had been brought down.

The AIS got off to a fine start on the

Malaysian leg of its tour when it beat a Kuala Lumpur under-20 team 2-0 with goals from Corica and Brad Maloney.

Next came a 5-0 win over a President's Select XI (Crivari, Greg Dickinson 2, Tony Pangallo and Nick Radecki).

A Kuala Lumpur under-18 team fared little better, going down 4-1.

Radecki opened the scoring with a header just before half time, Dickinson added a 55th minute penalty, and after the home side had gone one back, a late flurry saw Kris Trajanovski and Crivari complete the scoring.

Coach Ron Smith says the game was closer than the score suggests, with the AIS doing well to keep its composure in the sticky tropical heat.

Corry with the Demons

RON Corry, who replaced Tony Henderson as Blacktown City coach, wants to stiffen his defence.

"My first choice was to have Robbie Wheatley as a guest but he went off the the World Cup."

"Gerry Gomez or Steve Calderon would have been excellent, but they may not be available."

"After the Sydney Croatia episode I have a point to prove, but things aren't going to be easy."

"I had our under 17 team on top in Youth League — was having a happy season, but I couldn't pass up this challenge."

Corry has brought Steve Mautone into goal, replacing ex-Socceroo Greg Woodhouse, who perhaps understandably does not wish to play in the reserve side. — KEITH GILMOUR

AIS is unbeaten on Asian tour

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Chit Chat ...

Bad luck department! Darren Stewart, Apia-Leichhardt's stalwart all rounder, has had shoulder surgery, which caused him to miss appearing for NSW in the rain affected State of Origin game against Queensland. His aim is to be super fit for the next NSL summer season.

★★★

Paul Okon, the 18 year old Marconi midfield star, is a hot tip to become skipper of the Young Socceroos. Acting national coach Eddie Thomson classes the youngster as "One of the best prospects I've ever seen in Australia." Chosen as the NSL Under 21 Player of the Year, it could be that he moves on double quick from Young Socceroos to the first under 23 Australian Olympic Games team. After that he could claim a place in the Socceroos.

★★★

When you think of Italia '90, think of Socceroo star Frank Farina. The Queensland born striker, who starred with Canberra City, Sydney City and then Marconi in the NSL, finished the last Belgian season as top-scorer with 24 goals as well as a member of championship winners, Club Brugge. But Italy is beckoning, in the form of giant clubs Bari and Genoa, both of which are staging World Cup games.

The clubs are prepared to offer \$A2 million for the broadly smiling Farina. The catch is that club Brugge chairman Michel van Maele is unlikely to make a decision unless there is \$A3 million on the table.

★★★

A Sydney Daily Telegraph sub-editor obviously used plenty of licence to headline a comment piece by John Taylor recently. The subject was the lack of a decision on the Australian

coaching position by Czechoslovakian manager Josef Venglos, who is believed to have other offers on his plate. The headline screamed out: "Dud Czech" Venglos gives Roos the run around.

★★★

Alan Davidson had a nightmare end to one of his Melbournian minutes in the very last game of the season — and a friendly at that — 'Davo' went down with a broken ankle.

Davidson, still very much a wanted man at Socceroo level, was stretchered off the field after injuring the ankle in the clash between Croatia and touring Hajduk Split.

He'll be in plaster for at least six weeks.

★★★ The recent Bell Park — Coburg clash (Victorian second division) ended sensationally when the match was abandoned mid-way through the second half.

The referee called the game off with Coburg down to just seven men on the park after four of the visiting team had been sent off.

Nine players were also booked in the game which, according to eye-witnesses, was very bit as spectacular as World Championship Wrestling.

At the time the game was called off Bell Park led 3-0 and the suggestion is that that result is likely to stand.

★★★ Brunswick Juventus is keen to secure Preston goal-ace Warren Spink on loan for the remainder of the Victorian State League season.

Spink, after an injury-interrupted 1989/90 summer season, is desperate to get back and playing to tune up for Preston's 1990/91 campaign.

★★★ Despite finishing club top scorer for four successive seasons' Preston sold Steve Smith to Brunswick Juventus late in the NSL year on the premise that 'Smudger' was "too old".

"Smudger's" answer to the know-all who said he was washed up has been 10 goals in his 15 outings to the end of round 20.

★★★ The name of ASW's Lou Gautier appears on all SBS-TV World Cup credits. He is currently burning the midnight oil as researcher for the current World Cup telecasts.

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Craig Johnston demonstrating the England World Cup shirt, together with the promotion national song record jacket. The former Liverpool star has a proposal in front of the Australian Soccer Federation for World Youth Cup promotion, as Australia is to host the series in 1993. Back in 1981 Australia held the final, gaining a 2-1 win over champions Argentina, drawing 3-3 with Cameroon and 1-1 with England, before exiting 1-0 to West Germany, who became the FIFA/Coca Cola World Youth holders.

Reaching for the World Cup skies

MIKE JOHNSON WRITES

Brian Robson, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley, Paul Gascoigne, Jack Charlton, Bobby Robson

ONE of the benefits of being self-employed is that you can take a day off to watch England play Ireland in World Cup soccer.

One also was able to witness the agonies of the Scots as they slumped to defeat against tiny Costa Rica.

That is supposed to give an English soccer man his great pleasure, however, it did not stir that emotion in me.

Rather one felt sympathy for the Scottish spectators and their players, as once more they failed to do justice to themselves in the World Cup finals.

The Scots are in temperament somewhat like the Yugoslavs: extremely sensitive, extremely independent, and find it difficult to work together as a unit because each individual is so proud.

Neither nation has realised its potential at World Cup level.

The Yugoslavs felt the combined power of the West Germans, the day before the Irish tormented the English.

Which nation has the skill to overcome the commitment and ability of the Germans?

I was very impressed by the confidence and ability of the Romanians in their opening game against Russia.

Nevertheless, one cannot cease from thinking that England has an excellent team, good enough to handle anybody.

Perhaps change Butcher, allow the team to express itself a little more and it possibly could win another World Cup.

But you would never have thought so watching its hamstrung performance against the pragmatic Irish team.

It is not that the Irish as a nation are in fact practical, not at all.

If anything, many are romantics and dreamers, inclined to rhetoric in their speech and inconsistency in their actions.

I have a touch of all that in me, with my grandparents being from Dublin, in Southern Ireland.

However, I was brought up as a child in Newcastle in the north east of England — a tough environment of shipyards and coal mines, which taught you basic living.

The leader of the Irish camp, Englishman Jack Charlton, hails from the same North East environment and it is he who has brought a highly practical playing method allied to the natural buccaneering spirit of the Irish, who are playing in their first ever World Cup finals.

There used to be a saying in English soccer folklore that you just had to shout down any coal mine in the north east of England and up would pop a soccer player.

England players, captain Brian Robson, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne, plus the two managers Jack Charlton and Bobby Robson all hail from the Newcastle area of England.

So as I watched that England-Ireland game I felt such a strong commitment to the boys in white.

They have a good team that should be able to really play at this level.

Beardsley, Gascoigne, Waddle, Barnes — they can

We are of similar ages, played in the same period and I so very much would like to see him do well, but he

nation of fighters. Yet they do not seem to be so good as front runners.

The Germans and the

"Bobby Robson did not let them play against Ireland"



Gary Lineker celebrates his goal in England's 1-1 draw with Eire in Cagliari.

handle the ball and they have a great finisher in Gary Lineker plus a tight defence and a good goalie.

But Bobby Robson did not let them play against Ireland.

Bobby played for Fulham, my old London club, during its First Division days.

seems to have somewhat lost his way.

The English pride themselves on their fighting spirit when their backs are to the wall.

They have come from behind to triumph numerous times in sport and in war — they are a

Italians look teams to beat this time round and presumably the Dutch too.

However, all the four German goals in its impressive result against the fancied Yugoslavs could go down to the Yugoslav goalie, to a greater or lesser degree.

This was something



results during the last three years.

Nevertheless, quite obviously coaches play just as important a role, as we are finding with Jackie Charlton.

He and Brian Clough are possibly the United Kingdom's two most positive, innovative and influential coaches.

Yet sadly both have been totally ignored by England.

Hajduk wins last match

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Arnold was given a free far post header after a cross ball reached him from Gomez but he nodded the chance gently to Pralija.

Any of four players might have rounded off another raid near the finish but the Split keeper's acrobatics kept out Croatia.

The Sydney chances were limited by an effective offside trap that dulled the edge from Seal's attack and relegated guest striker Tony Krstovic to the status of frustrated spectator.

Marconi's Gerry Gomez is a player with itchy feet and Vrzina hopes to pick him up for Croatia next season.

The home side finished the match strongly despite its lapses.

Socceroo Graham

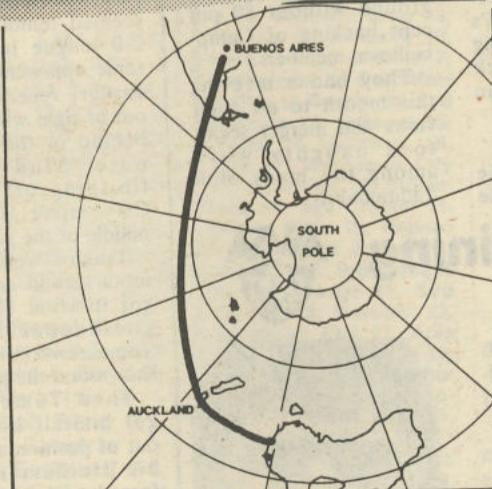
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

Tobin, Zabica shine against Hajduk

CLASSY Croatian Hajduk Split made a mis-match of the challenge at Hindmarsh on Wednesday with a 5-0 humbling of South Australia.

SA, with too many Adelaide City players out of season and touch, was overwhelmed by the super-talented tourists.

Socceroos Alex Tobin and Robert Zabica, who had been in sterner training, stood out like beacons in a dull SA performance.

The State boys just could not handle the flair, imagination, technique and running power of Hajduk.

Josko Jelicic was an industrious and lethal three-goal opportunist who gave the 4000 Croatian fans plenty to cheer about.

But Hajduk had class performers in outstanding midfielder

Goran Vucevic, who had a hand in four goals, dynamic sweeper Nikola Jerkan, buzzing Ante Mise and miniature Marin Lalic, who notched two ex-

COLIN Bradbury, who has been a powerful cog in the pacesetting Para Hills midfield machine, won't forget his 29th birthday on June 14. He was back in hospital getting the leg, he broke last weekend, re-spliced and reset. Bradbury, who moved to promotion favourite Para at the beginning of the season, will be out for the rest of this term.

★★★

WITH his flowing locks, looping stride and easy style, exciting USC Lion teenager Andrew Borghetto is reminiscent of a young England star Glenn Hoddle. While he has miles to go to be in Hoddle class, Borghetto, 19, is a refreshing talent, who plays the game, freely, fairly and with style. He deserves to succeed in a game where increasingly such flair is stifled. Borghetto, studying architectural drafting, is quick to thank men who have helped his soccer development. "At St Michael's Primary and Veneto I was coached

perly taken goals.

Vucevic started the rot in 33 minutes when he ghosted through the defence and slipped a pass to Jelicic who slid the ball home.

Lalic showed rare skills with a flick and shot overworked Zabica saved in 38 minutes but he made amends in 43 minutes with a good goal.

The little man accepted more genius generosity from Vucevic in 66 minutes for Hajduk's third goal and two late counters from Jelicic made it all too easy for Hajduk.

Tobin and Zabica apart, SA had no winners, though Joe Mulren, unlucky to be taken off as he looked a far more likely candidate than either Carl Veart or weighty Steve Maxwell up front.

The shambles of the home performance was highlighted by numbers falling off shirts and a goal stanchion giving way.

"If we could have managed to compete physically it could have been a good game," said State coach Zoran Matic.



Tall Adelaide City and Socceroo defender Alex Tobin was in form.

"They had lots of good players and technically were better than us. With our lack of preparation we did not have the condition to match them.

"The game came at the wrong time for us. If the players had been in the middle of the season we could have competed. There was naivety in the way we gave away a couple of goals."

Hajduk coach Luka

Peruzovic was delighted with the winning performance.

"The game was very satisfying," he said. "It came at the end of a long season but the players wanted to play. We played easily but created many chances and took five.

What more could you want? We are using this grip to experiment with some young players for next season and there are some good signs for us."

by Alex Byrne (former Celtic star). You could not ask for a better teacher," said Borghetto. "He is one of the best junior coaches in SA."

★★★

USC Lion hopes to welcome back defender Theo Christakos this week after a knee injury.

★★★

CUMBERLAND might have bought a good omen with its new green and gold striped outfit. The Foxes have yet to lose in the gear to ease the concern of some club traditionalists over the change in strip. Steve Parks is keen to get back into full action with the club after calling it quits earlier this season. "I had a few hassles in one way or another out of soccer but everything is okay again now and I hope to get right back into it," said Parks who played stoutly in midfield on Saturday against Lion.

★★★

EVERGREEN referees Bill Devine and John

Hardy had a weekend to remember at Renmark. Controlling a knockout cup competition between them they handled 300 minutes of soccer as either linesman or referee.

Two very tired men in black drove home after Renmark Olympic beat River Rangers 7-5 on penalties in the final.

★★★

SKIPPER Paul Blute has bounced back for Croatia. The big man played against Birkalla after briefly returning as substitute in two early games. He has been sidelined for much of the season after knee surgery. Team-mate Deni Stepic recently showed Croatia team-mates a clean pair of heels. But it had nothing to do with soccer. Stepic and mates attended an aerobic session at Steve Witwicki's Braham Lodge sporting centre. The full-back was the master of an eye-opening night.

★★★

PRESIDENT Charlie Caruso said Adelaide

City will make no announcement on its coaching position for next season until the end of this month. "The club has several matters under consideration, including the coaching position," said Caruso. "Our marketing arm, in conjunction with the board, is studying the Bradley Report with a view to implementing ideas we see as beneficial to the club. "No announcement on the coaching or other matters will be made until a report is available from the Adelaide City Marketing and Business Unit."

★★★

ANY merger between Adelaide City and Campbelltown looks a long way off. Talks are continuing but the move cannot get off the ground without 80 per cent backing of Campbelltown members. They had a meeting this month to air their views and merger seems to a naughty word among the many club traditionalists.

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Tsakios went looking for a second and almost got it when University goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski tipped his shot round the post.

Then Tomaszewski got himself hopelessly out of position and Robbie Heidemanns was forced to hack the ball to safety.

The University got back into the game against the run of play. Ian Shaw slipped a pass to Willie Stirton whose shot beat Pat Harris's



Australian women in training



BY GRAHAM COOKE

groups.

No such information is available from this part of the world where AWSA executive director Heather Reid is still in the dark over what Australia needs to do to qualify. Meanwhile, the Australians continued

their preparations with a training camp in Sydney from June 9 to 11 where players underwent psychology tests and played matches against a NSW women's select team and the St George youth team currently competing in the NSW men's competition.



Steve Darby, national coach

Parker revels in Tassie scene

BY WALTER PLESS

IAN PARKER, 30, player-coach of Tasmanian Cadbury State League club, Caledonian, seems set to perform at his best throughout this season despite the responsibility that has been placed upon him.

Being a player-coach can be an unenviable task. When one isn't performing at one's best, it's difficult to criticise team-mates.

Parker has adapted to his new role with ease however, and he is setting his players a fine example by producing some of his best form since arriving in Tasmania from England in April, 1980.

He has, in fact, scored exactly half the team's goals in both the Cascade Summer Cup pre-season series, and in the league, this year.

Parker has always been one of the leading players in the State and success came quickly after his arrival.

Calies won the State League title in 1981 (under the name of Brighton-ICL), and on a personal level, he struck gold when he won the 1984 Rothmans Medal.

He has represented Tasmania against Northern NSW and the Socceroos, and he has played for Southern Tasmania in the intra-state series on numerous occasions.

National League sides have often sought to sign him, but he has al-



Ian Parker of Caledonians in Hobart lines up the ball — Pic: Ralph Dymond.

ways resisted the temptation. In Tasmania I got into a sort of routine and didn't want to give that up because it's a nice, easy going life here and one has many friendships.

"I just like Tasmania. It's a beautiful place to settle down in.

"Calies have never ever done the wrong thing by me. The people involved with the club when I first arrived were great and it's been just like a second family for me."

Parker is the first to admit his form slumped a little during some of the years the Tasmanian State League was not in existence.

"When I first arrived I enjoyed the game and the competition, but once the State League finished, the ambition went a bit.

"I probably did stagnate for a while, but now with the State League back, and with my coaching and playing responsibilities, I've got new enthusiasm."

Parker is finding it a welcome challenge, and his return to a striker's role rather than a position in midfield is suiting him to perfection.

"I'm putting more into training and giving the game more thought than ever before, and it's helping me in my own game," he said.

"I've always been one of the lads, but now I have to sit back and look at things from a different perspective.

"I don't feel the pressure, even though I'm uncomfortable at the moment because I don't regard myself as a coach, but you've got to start somewhere and it'll be a good apprenticeship."

Parker is confident of guiding Calies to at least a mid-table position this season.

Uni in ACT Cup final

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE University of Canberra reached its third ACT Federation Soccer Cup final in five years when it came from behind to beat Canberra City Concordia 2-1 at Hawker Oval.

It will meet Belconnen United, which eased past ACT first-division leader Juventus with the only goal of the game at Woden Park Oval, scored by former NSL defender Mike Milovanovic in the 30th minute.

University's prospects, which had seemed remote after its 2-0 league loss to the same opponent 24 hours earlier, receded almost out of sight when it went behind in the fifth minute, Stan Tsakios finishing off a smart City move down the middle of the pitch.

Tsakios went looking for a second and almost got it when University goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski tipped his shot round the post.

Then Tomaszewski got himself hopelessly out of position and Robbie Heidemanns was forced to hack the ball to safety.

The University got back into the game against the run of play. Ian Shaw slipped a pass to Willie Stirton whose shot beat Pat Harris's

ACT LEAGUE

Canberra City Concordia 2 University of Canberra 0, Canberra Croatia 2 Belconnen United 1, Juventus 3 Weston Creek 0, Tuggeranong United 7 Defence Academy 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	9	6	2	1	26	9	14
Canberra City	9	6	2	1	17	10	14
Belconnen United	9	5	2	2	19	11	12
Tuggeranong United	9	4	3	2	22	12	11
University of Can.	9	2	4	3	20	18	8
Canberra Croatia	9	4	0	5	18	20	8
Weston Creek	9	2	1	6	13	20	5
Defence Academy	9	0	0	9	6	41	0

**XXXXX****Queensland's own beer**

Koch on loan to Pine Rivers from NSL Sydney Olympic

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's hopes of luring home expatriate products for the State's proposed combined National League team took a giant step forward with the news that John Koch is returning to Pine Rivers.

The former young Socceroo will play on loan from Sydney Olympic for a month. But Rivers officials are hoping Koch can be convinced to stay in Queensland and wait until Brisbane United gains entry to the NSL.

Koch's homecoming could be the move Queensland Soccer officials hope will spark interest among other expatriates — including, Alan Hunter, Steve Jackson, Danny Wright and Manis Lamond — about a return to Brisbane.

"I think once one or two established NSL players come home, others will see we are fair dinkum about forming a competitive team for the NSL," a QSF spokesman said.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has not given up hope of getting a team in this year's summer NSL, but see the Bradley Report as a guarantee of their inclusion the following season if unsuccessful this year.

Injuries have dogged his career at Olympic and Rivers are hoping a return to familiar surroundings at Allison Park will help him get back to his best.

He also will team with his young brother Clayton, one of Brisbane's most dynamic strikers and a member of the Queensland squad.

"Once John is here we will be having further discussions about his future," Pine Rivers president Lance Siedofsky said.

Koch's return to Rivers will renew ties with the club that were severed more than six years ago when he headed to Canberra on an AIS soccer scholarship.

Koch, who played senior football as a 14-year-old with Rivers, gained a reputation as a tough player with unrivalled versatility and one of the hardest shots for his age in the country.



JOHN KOCH

He travelled with the Young Socceroos to Chile in 1987 before being snapped up by Eddie Thomson for Sydney Olympic.



UNDER 14: St George PB v Werrington 0-4.

UNDER 16: Cherrywood v Revesby Lions 1-0, Pendle Hill v Baulkham Hills 5-4, Beverley Hills v Kings Langley 1-0, Marrickville v Winston Hills 2-3.

ROBERTSON CUP: Oatley RSL v Chullora Wolves 5-2, Rev Lions A v Castle Hill 1-0, Pendle Hill A v Syd Heights A 2-0, Liverpool Ranger v Baulkham Hills 4-2, Panania RSL v Engadine Eagles 3-4, Greenacre v Cronulla S/Gulls L/F, Punchbowl v Gymea United 4-2, St Christofers v Collroy Plateau 1-3, Kirrawee v Chullora A 3-4, Pendle Hill B v Bankstown A 0-3, Werrington v Sans Souci 1-6, Lilli Pilli v Crest 0-4, Amaroo v Kissing Pt

A W/F, Bass Hill RSL v St Ives 1-4, West Pennant Hills bye, Granville K v Pendle Hill C W/F.

NSW AMATEUR CUP: Oatley RSL v Sylvania Hts 3-2p, Engadine Eagles v Greenacre 0-1, Gymea v Epping YMCA 1-2, Kirrawee v Nth Epping Rang 1-3, Sans Souci v Dundas A 3-4, Menai v Canley Hts 4-0, Connells Pt B v Parks Rovers 1-2, West Pennant Hills v Engadine A 0-1, East Bankstown v Grays Pt 3-2, Riverina B v Caringbah Rang 0-1, West Pymble v Epping Eastwood 2-6, Umina v Concord Jnr 2-1, Hornsby RSL v Nth Sutherland 2-1, Penshurst West v Riverina A 2-1, Lilli Pilli A v Nth Shore Hellas 2-0, Carlton A v Granville War 4-2.

NSW POINTS

AT 14.6.90

MITRE METRO REPS:

DIV 1: U11: Macarthur 16, Sutherland 14, Granville 11, Canterbury 11, St George 11, St Ifern Branch 9, Illawarra 6, Blacktown 6, Bankstown 3, St Ifern Dists 3. U12: Canterbury 19, Bankstown 16, St George 15, St Ifern Dists 12, Sutherland 10, Granville 6, Macarthur 6, Illawarra 6, Blacktown 3, St Ifern Branch 3.

U11 DIV 2: Nepean 13,

South & East 10,

Gladesville 11, Manly 9,

Central Coast 2, Ku-ring-gai 2, Macquarie 2. U12:

Nepean 11, Central Coast 11, St Ifern & Eastern 9, Gladesville 8, Macquarie 5, Manly 4, Ku-ring-gai 2.

UMBRO YL: DIV 1: U13:

Blacktown City 33, St

George 30, Macarthur 27,

Syd Olympic 27, Melita 20, Sutherland 17, Marconi 16, Southern Dists 16, Nepean 14, Illawarra 10, Apia 7, Syd Croatia 7, Bankstown 4, Cant/Marr 2. U14: St George 29, Syd Olympic 26, Marconi 25, Melita 24, Illawarra 18, Apia 17, Blacktown City 17, Macarthur 16, Sutherland 13, Syd Croatia 11, St Ifern Dists 10, Nepean 9, Cant/Marr 7, Bankstown 6. U15: Syd Olympic 26, St George 23, Syd Croatia 23, Marconi 22, Blacktown City 21, Apia 18, Melita 17, Illawarra 15, Bankstown 14, Macarthur 13, Sutherland 13, Nepean 8, Cant/Marr 6, St Ifern Dists 5. U17: Blacktown City 25, Cant/Marr 24, Sutherland 22, Syd Croatia 21, Apia 21, Melita 21, Syd Olympic 19, Marconi 19, St Ifern Branch 16, St George 15, Macarthur 10, Nepean 7, Bankstown 4, Illawarra 0.

DIV 2: U13: Gladesville 34, St Ifern Branch 29, St Ifern/Eastern 23, Can-

COMBINED POINT SCORES LEADERS:

U11: Canterbury 30, St George 26. DIV 2: Nepean 24, St Ifern & Eastern 19. U13/17: DIV 1: Syd Olympic 98, St George 97, Blacktown City 98. DIV 2: Gladesville 95, St Ifern/Eastern 91, St Ifern Branch 90.

NSW YOUTH

THE top four from each division and age group will contest the NSW Youth League finals series, beginning on August 11.

Four teams will be eliminated from each grade on August 11, with semi-finals on August 18 and finals on August 25.

The grand finals will be staged on September 1.

Close results at Rockhampton

SOUTHSIDE United goalkeeper Tony Hogan covered himself with glory after turning in a man-of-the-match performance that kept league leaders Bluebirds to a 1-0 win in their Power's Bitter Premier Soccer League match played last weekend at Rockhampton.

It was the best defence the southerners have turned in in recent weeks.

Kurt Peel and Gary Banks, Bluebirds' front runners, had countless chances in the first half.

Their build-up was good but lacked patience for the last crucial pass — if they had slowed a little the breaks may have come.

The Bluebirds' midfield of de Courcy, Jeffries and Fettell was completely on top but also unable to provide the service the front runners needed to get clear.

It was up to substitute Gavin Whitehead to

break the deadlock midway through the second half.

Whitehead gathered the ball about ten metres outside the penalty area before going on a weaving run past three defenders and then ramming the ball past Hogan.

Berserker finished a bad weekend for them, going down 2-0 to Frenchville in the other match of the round.

Frenchville took the lead a few minutes before the break when a long ball forward found Berserker goalkeeper Aaron Lonnergan out of his ground and Lindsay Dean was able to get the ball first for a neat opening goal.

Berserker were not without their chances, with good efforts from Micheal Bettridge and Brad Smith.

Brett Newmann is well known for his speed and clinical finishing and that was what bought about Frenchville's second goal after the break.

Hawkish Niven after XXXX semi-final spot

Ex Socceroo Alan Niven has ambitions with Mt Gravatt, as his coaching career opens.

FORMER Socceroo Alan Niven has emerged with flying colours from his toughest coaching test yet.

Niven, in his first full season with XXXX League side Mount Gravatt, found his team six points adrift in last position after six rounds of the competition.

It was a very uncharacteristic place for the former State League champions.

But in the space of a month, Niven has revitalised his team and three wins on the trot have seen suggestions of relegation tossed out the window.

Niven's hungry Hawks are now ready to swoop on a semi-final berth.

But the former Lions full-back admits things were tough early on.

"I had to keep believing that what I was doing was the right way to play," he said.

"It was all a matter of application. The lads just had to apply themselves to the way I wanted them to play."

While Niven is too modest to admit, most recognise the change in the Hawks' fortune is directly linked to his move from sweeper to his favourite left-back.

Niven now provides the long ball service to his speedy front-

runners, John Brown, Andy Armitage and Phil Makridakis.

Armitage is a new signing, having played alongside Frank Worthington for Yorkshire club Guiseley.

Brown returned to the club several weeks ago after an overseas trip, while Makridakis has developed the potential he showed in past seasons at Olympic United.

Also starring for the Hawks is English import David Glenn.

"I think he was very unlucky to miss Queensland selection," Niven said.

While recent wins have destroyed the relegation blues, Niven is not getting carried away. He is still searching for a striker and a midfielder before the June 30 deadline.

"I'm fully aware that a few injuries could put us in big trouble," he said.

"But we have the basis to build on now. It's a matter of keeping the ball rolling."

"We've only been disgraced in one game this season. I don't think we were playing badly, we have just lost confidence."

"I think the top three places in the league are taken, but there's two wide open. I can't see any reason why Mount Gravatt can't fill one of them."

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DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	10	9	1	0	25	4	28
Bris City	11	8	1	2	35	11	26
North Star	10	5	4	1	31	17	19
Rochdale Rov	11	5	2	4	16	22	17
Pine Rivers	8	5	0	3	22	18	15
Taringa Rov	10	3	5	2	12	13	14
Acacia Ridge	11	4	0	7	23	28	12
Eastern Subs	10	2	3	5	13	18	9
Mt Gravatt	10	3	0	7	13	18	9
Grange This	10	2	2	6	13	26	8
Coalstars	9	2	1	6	8	18	7

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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

A Coach Laments Adversity

AFTER only two games coach Ian Smith laments his lot.

They say only the strong survive in times of adversity.

This could be an omen for this year's Merewether High Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup side, and me.

Seven minutes before the kick-off of the second round match (after a bye in the first) our key midfielder pulled out due to a virus.

After a quick change of jerseys and a reshuffle they were about to go on the park when another player had to urgently report elsewhere in the school.

Another change, another reshuffle as the

referee calling them onto the park.

I am just settling on the sideline as the game starts and another two players come running off.

Their studs were too sharp.

While an ex-pupil does a frantic two-way dash to the Industrial Arts block to get a file Merewether proceeds with nine men for the first five minutes and eventually beats Lambton 5-1.

Their third round match came immediately after a regional sports carnival in which half the squad had been involved, so they were tired before the start and one player had to be subbed after ten minutes because a sports

carnival injury was getting worse.

Then, our central midfielder was accidentally "studded" on the knee by the opposition goalkeeper, a wound later requiring several stitches.

But he played on with it heavily bandaged and, despite another three players begging to be replaced at half time, they went on to beat Nelson Bay 6-0.

Nathan Eltis, a local Super League defender on the weekends, scored his first goal ever in soccer and was seen in the dressing room afterwards drawing numerous diagrams on the blackboard to show how it had occurred.

Wonder what they'll be like if they're ever fit!

— BILL TURNER



ST GEORGE OLYMPIC U11: Club President: Con Emanouil. Coach: Emanuel Mountakis, N. Tsekenis, M. Gregorio, J. Kolovosi, N. Pikos, F. Argeetes, C. Karidakis, J. Kafetsis, N. Dimou, B. Kollias, G. Misdantis, G. Dolos, N. Konogias, N. Tsilimos, E. Kallipolitis, C. Tsitos.

Country boys attend NSW talent program



THE second "Talented Child in Sport" soccer program has just been completed.

It was for boys in year 9 and 10, with 75% of the lads coming from country areas.

Rale Rasic and Rob Wheatley attended the course, which was a

great thrill for the country boys.

On the Tuesday, a representative from the Department of Sport & Recreation and the sponsors Norman Ross attended lunch and spent an hour viewing the soccer program, in which Oscar Gonzales ran the boys through their paces in "Wiel Coerver" routines.

All the officials were impressed with the soccer skills and talked over lunch with David Lee and Rob Wheatley.

These courses are a credit to the NSW Academy of Sport and the Department of Sport & Recreation.

There are hopes in



SYDNEY CROATIA U13: Warwick Mallitt (Coach), Mirko Hrkac (Manager), Paul Bilokapic, Robert Bosnjak, Mile Duer, Tony Elek, Eddy Hrkac, Joshua Kasun, Zlatko Kolaroski absent, Joe Lastro absent, Andrew Meredith, Ante Miletic, Joe Moric, Tom Nisevic absent, John Olic, Antony Peric absent, Stiven Topic, Darko Zoric. Pic: H. CARRASCO.

NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation

Junior coaches invited along

BY BARRY DAVIS*

THE NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation was founded in the mid-60s by a group of senior coaches who saw the need to spread the gospel of organised coaching throughout the land.

Their vision was to ultimately have every coach of every team in Australia qualified to one level or another and to provide ongoing support and education for their members.

In the late '60s and early '70s, with the significant help of Charlie and Joan Valentine, they established a Coaching Academy at Parklea where the first of the soccer pitches and established lecture rooms, dormitories, a commercial kitchen and dining room in disused chicken sheds were built and then the pool and the change rooms were added which survive to this day.

At Parklea they conducted a multitude of courses for coaches and umpteen live-in camps for kids, all with the aim of improving the standard of soccer in NSW.

The dream of this group of visionaries continues today.

Although the names and faces have changed over the years, the stated aims of the organisation remain unchanged:

- To improve the standard of coaching
- To provide on-going support for coaches
- To improve the playing standard at all levels

Contrary to popular belief, this is not an organisation for professional coaches.

The aim is to provide maximum assistance and support for coaches at all levels of the game and the vast majority of current membership comes



CENTRAL COAST U13: Ben Lovie, Michael Bauer, Chris Scarlett, Steven Andersen, Matthew Campbell, Billy Lloyd, Keenan Field, Dean Stingmore, Shannon Verkade, Craig Herring, Jason Kirkman, Ben Lawlis (GK), Kristin Boesenberg. Absent: Brian Beueridge. — Pic: H. CARRASCO.

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 18 SATURDAY JUNE 9 DIVISION 1

	U13	U14	U15	U17
Nepean	v St George	0-7	0-1	1-4
Bankstown	v Syd Olympic	0-3	0-3	2-1
Sutherland	v APIA	3-2	0-1	0-0
Marconi	v Syd Croatia	0-0	0-1	1-1
Melita	v Blacktown City	1-1	1-0	2-1
Illawarra	v Cant/M'ville	2-0	w/o	w/o
Sthn Districts	v Macarthur	—	0-2	0-1

ROUND 19 MONDAY JUNE 11 DIVISION 1

	U13	U14	U15	U17
Syd Olympic	v Sutherland	2-1	1-0	1-0
APIA	v Marconi	0-3	1-0	1-1
Syd Croatia	v Blacktown City	1-5	0-0	1-2
Melita	v Sthn Districts	1-2	2-1	3-0
Cant/M'ville	v Nepean	w/o	w/o	w/o
Macarthur	v Illawarra	2-0	2-0	1-3

ROUND 20 SATURDAY JUNE 16 DIVISION 1

	U13	U14	U15	U17
Sutherland	v St George	0-5	0-1	1-5
Marconi	v Syd Olympic	1-0	1-2	2-1
Blacktown City	v APIA	2-0	1-0	2-0
Melita	v Syd Croatia	6-3	1-2	0-1
Cant/M'ville	v Cant/M'ville	2-0	3-2	3-1
Macarthur	v Macarthur	3-0	1-0	1-6
Sthn Districts	v Illawarra	1-1	3-2	7-0

DIVISION 2

	w/o	w/o	w/o	w/o
Central Coast	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-2
Rockdale	0-8	3-0	0-0	4-1
Warringah	8-0	2-0	2-0	2-3
Gladesville	1-2	2-4	6-0	0-0
Avala	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-4
Sthn & Eastern	2-0	2-2	2-0	0-2

ROUND 20 SATURDAY JUNE 16 DIVISION 1

	U13	U14	U15	U17
Sutherland	v St George	0-5	0-1	1-5
Marconi	v Syd Olympic	1-0	1-2	2-1
Blacktown City	v APIA	2-0	1-0	2-0
Melita	v Syd Croatia	6-3	1-2	0-1
Cant/M'ville	v Cant/M'ville	2-0	3-2	3-1
Macarthur	v Macarthur	3-0	1-0	1-6
Sthn Districts	v Sthn Districts	1-1	3-2	7-0

DIVISION 2

	w/o	w/o	w/o	w/o
Rockdale	2-1	2-3	2-1	5-1
Blacktown	0-8	3-0	0-1	2-3
Avala	8-0	2-0	2-0	2-3
Manly Warringah	1-1	0-2	0-3	9-0
Polonia	1-2	2-2	0-2	4-0
Sthn & Eastern	1-2	2-2	2-0	0-2

Mitre Metro Representatives

ROUND 11 SUNDAY JUNE 10 DIVISION A

	U11	U12
Canterbury	v Illawarra	—
St George	v Macarthur	—
Granville	v Blacktown	5-0
Bankstown	v Sthn Districts	—
Sutherland	v Sthn Branch	—

DIVISION B

	U11	U12
Manly	v Gladesville	2-0
Manly	v Nepean	—
Nepean	v Nepean	—
Macquarie	— bye	—

CZECHOSLOVAKIA v AUSTRIA 1-0

Penalty-King swings it



TONI POLSTER: a disappointment for Austria.

Italian coverage is sub-standard

BY LOU GAUTIER

RAI, the Italian State-owned television network that provides the "feed" for all World Cup matches, has come in for deserved criticism for the mediocre quality of its telecasts.



Milan's imposing renovated Meazza Stadium.

Every country telecasting the finals has to rely on Italian TV for their pictures, and haven't they been fuming — so much so that all foreign networks have sent a joint protest to the Italian government.

If you have been watching the SBS telecasts, you will have noticed how infuriatingly sloppy the Italians are with pre-game line-ups, not to mention second half substitutions that are never super-imposed on the screen and, more annoyingly, how unimaginative the camera work has been.

Italians, despite boasting the best club soccer in the world, have lagged behind the

FLORENCE — Michal Bilek restored his reputation as one of the deadliest dead-ball experts in Europe with the winning penalty for Czechoslovakia against Austria.

At the final whistle the delighted Czechoslovaks rushed over to the touchline and applauded the several thousand fans who had made the journey to Italy.

The goal was Czechoslovakia's third penalty of the tournament. Bilek scored one and missed one in the 5-1 victory over the United States.

Defender Anton Pfeffer made a disastrous backpass that forced keeper Klaus Lindenberger to come off his line.

When Czechoslovak midfielder Jozef Chovanec intercepted, Lindenberger felled him.

Chovanec was carried off on a stretcher with an injury to his right leg, but at least had the delight of seeing Bilek fire home the vital spot-kick to seal the Czechs' place in the next round.

After dominating the first half Czechoslovakia decided to simply hold on to their slender lead.

Austria retook the field with three strikers, Andreas Ogris joining Toni Polster and Gerhard Rodax up front, but the Czechoslovaks had no intention of surrendering their lead.

A series of crunching tackles blunted the Austrian attack and when Ogris, Polster and Rodax did manage to find some space they were unable to make use of it.

had enough strength to reach goalkeeper Jan Stejskal.

It was all stirring stuff in the old-fashioned style as Austria continued to press forward but the massed Czech defence refuse to crack.

In the dying seconds Andreas Herzog was brought down on the edge of the area by Lobos Kubik but the Austrians once again squandered a chance when Polster blasted into the wall and the ball spun safely away.

It was a day when nothing would go right for the frustrated Austrians who lost their composure in the final 20 minutes, picking up four yellow cards.

The last came after the final whistle went when Ernst Aigner let Scottish referee George Smith know what he thought of his handling of the game.

Pre-match fears that it would be a dour, cautious game, were quickly dispelled in the opening minutes when the Czechs wasted no time in taking it to the Austrians.

In the 28th minute, a brilliant attack set up by Ivo Koflcek when he beat the offside trap and sprinted down the left before pulling the ball back to Lubomir Moravcik was halted by defender Anton Pfeffer.

Ten minutes earlier Koflcek, who was causing all sorts of problems to the slow Austrian defence, nearly scored from five metres but a defender got his foot in the way and the ball spun away from a corner.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Stejskal, Kadlec, Hasek, Kocian, Bilek, Chovanec (Bielik 31m), Kubik, Skuhrovny, Moravcik, Koflcek (Weiss 83m), Nemecek.

AUSTRIA: Lindenberger.



JOE VENGLOS — he has coached his Czechoslovak team into World Cup contention.

The best chance of an equaliser fell to the 24-year-old Rodax, brought in by manager Josef Hicklberger to add firepower.

A perfect pass from Peter Schoettel in the 32nd minute found Rodax who turned, outpaced his defender, but then wasted it all with a shot that barely

SCORER: Bilek 30m (pen).

REFEREE: George Smith (Scotland).

CROWD: 38,687.

STATS

AUSTRIA: Free kicks 23, Corners 4, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 3.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Free kicks 23, Corners 6, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.

ITALY v USA 1-0

Local idols unimpressive

ROME — Italy ambled to a disappointing 1-0 win over the United States today, but the narrow victory virtually assured it of a place in the second round.

The Italians went ahead in the 11th minute when midfielder Giuseppe Giannini flicked home a back-pass from captain Giuseppe Bergomi.

It should have had two after Nicola Berti was brought down in the area by Paul Caligiuri and referee Edgardo Codesal ordered a penalty. But

area. Substitute Salvatore Schillaci, who scored after coming on against Austria, could not find the finishing touch after he took Carnevale's place in the 51st minute.

Eight minutes after coming on he headed over the bar and in the 81st and 90th minutes he shot wide.



Italian supremo Azeglio Vicini has reason to smile, his team is on course for a splendid Italia '90.

striker Gianluca Vialli, suffering a goal jinx in recent international matches, hit the post.

Italy, playing at half-pace against the lowly-rated Americans, disappointed the partisan crowd in Rome's Olympic Stadium by failing to finish, despite several scoring chances.

The Americans had their best chance in the 69th minute when John Harkes thundered a free-kick at Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga, who could only punch the ball away.

Peter Vermes's follow-up shot slid under Zenga's body and was scrambled away.

Italy lacked vitality and accuracy. Many passes went astray as the favourites allowed themselves the luxury of losing concentration.

Strike pair Vialli and Andrea Carnevale both had their chances.

In the eighth minute Vialli pushed a close-range shot straight into goalkeeper Tony Meola's gloves and 20 minutes later Carnevale failed to take advantage of a dazzling dribble from busy midfielder Roberto Donadoni and fumbled the ball in the

Three minutes from the end Marcelo Balbão almost caused an upset for the United States when he blasted the ball over the bar after finding himself clear in the box.

The Americans could be more than satisfied at holding the odds-on favourites to a single goal. Coach Bob Gansler summed it up when he said: "We took a giant step tonight."

Goalkeeper Meola was also positive, saying: "We can take a lot of experience out of the game."

The Italians were philosophical.

"The important thing was to win," said coach Azeglio Vicini.

ITALY: Zenga, Baresi, Bergomi, Ferri, Maldini, Berti, De Napoli, Giannini, Donadoni, Carnevale (Schillaci 52m), Vialli.

USA: Meola, Doyle, Windischmann, Armstrong, Banks (Stollmeyer 81m), Balbão, Harkes, Ramos, Caligiuri, Vermes, Murray (Sullivan 83m).

SCORER: Giannini 11m for Italy.

YELLOW CARDS: Ferri 69m for Italy; Banks 63m for USA.

REFEREE: Edgardo Codesal (Mexico).

CROWD: 73,423.

STATS

ITALY: Free kicks 19, Corners 7, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 9.

USA: Free kicks 10, Corners 2, Shot on target 4, Shots off target 6.



GROUP A

Tourists go AWOL

ROME — The headline in one of Italy's leading sports newspapers said it all "Tourists, where are you?"

That's the question many Italian hotel and restaurant owners were asking themselves 12 days into the World Cup.

Touted as a boon to Italy's tourist industry, the World Cup so far has been a bit of a bust, say some officials in the tourist industry.

Marino Corona, president of the Italian government's tourism department, estimated that no more than 100,000 foreign tourists had come to Italy for the first round.

Italy spent billions of dollars building new stadiums, refurbishing old ones, adding new subway lines or expanding old ones, hoping the World Cup would act as a magnet for tourists.

But Italian tourism officials now estimate there may be a 50 percent drop in tourism over a normal June.

Part of the problem has been caused by "commuter tourists" who drive cars to Italy from other European countries, like Austria or Germany, only for one or two nights to see one game and then leave, the paper said.

Merchants, restauranteurs and hotel-owners in Florence, for instance, have complained that playing host to three first-round games in Group A — involving Austria, Czechoslovakia and the United States — hasn't helped tourism.

"The effect of the World Cup has been decidedly negative," says Mario Lippi, president of the Italian Association of Tourism in Tuscany. "We expected that almost every hotel room in the city would be booked for the month of June. Instead, we've experienced a 30 percent drop from ordinary years."

Italia '90 ... Italia '90 ...



ROGER MILLA — the grand old veteran is congratulated by teammates after scoring against Romania.

GROUP B

CAMEROUN v ROMANIA 2-1

Veteran's brace sinks Romania

Gheorghe Hagi.

His heroics lifted the team, leading to Milla's inspired late-game performance.

The 88th minute Romanian goal was also controversial. Television replays showed two Romanian attackers apparently in offside positions.

It was Romanian winner Florin Raducioiu who made the first penetrating run down the left flank in the second minute, but after beating two men he was stopped close to the penalty area by Akem N'dip.

Cyrille Makanaky forced the first corner with a skilful break on the left wing after 10 minutes, but no-one was in the middle to meet the cross which skidded across the face of the goal.

Marius Lacatus eluded the Cameroun defence just inside the penalty area after 12 minutes and Raducioiu fired narrowly wide when Lacatus crossed in Romania's best early chance.

As Romania began to dominate, their forwards peppered the Cameroun goal.

The best from a Hagi free kick was touched over the bar by goalkeeper Nkono.

Romania, pushing forward and abandoning the counter-attacking game they used against the Soviet Union.

BARI — Veteran striker Roger Milla kept alive Cameroun's World Cup fairy tale by scoring two late goals as his side beat Romania 2-1 to secure its place in the second round.

Milla, 38, slid the ball calmly past Romanian goalkeeper Silviu Lung in the 76th minute — a quarter of an hour after coming on as substitute.

He drove home his second from close range 10 minutes later.

Milla also played in the Cameroun team that was undefeated in all three of its games in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, but was eliminated because its rivals scored more goals.

Angry Romanian players surrounded Chilean referee Hernan Silva Arce at the end of the game, claiming Milla had pushed Andone before scoring the first goal.

Romania dominated possession in the first half, but could not find a way past the Cameroun defence and veteran goalkeeper Thomas Nkono.

Nkono made a number of important saves, including one desperate dive to touch away one-handed a freekick from



ion, increased their domination as Hagi's artistry began to tell.

But Nkono punched away another powerful drive from Hagi as Cameroun held out under intense pressure.

Cameroun were restricted by the well-organised Romanian defence to long shots.

Two from M'Fede and one from Emmanuel Kunde sailed over the bar, but in the last 20 minutes the Africans were supreme to the delight of a disappointingly small crowd.

CAMEROUN: Nkono, Onana, Ebwelle, Kunde (Pagan 69m), Omam Biyick, Mbou Mbou, Mfede, Tataw, Ndip, Makanaky, Mabouang (Milla 58m).

ROMANIA: Lung, Rednic, Klein, Andone, Rotariu, G. Popescu, Lacatus, Sabau, Hagi (Dumitrescu 55m), Radocilou (Balint 63m), Timote.

SCORERS: Milla 76 & 86m for Cameroun; Balint 88m for Romania.

YELLOW CARDS: Tataw 21m, Nkono 69m for Cameroun; Popescu 17m for Romania.

REFEREE: Hernan Silva Arce (Chile).

CROWD: 38,687.

STATS

ROMANIA: Free kicks 22, Corners 3, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 9.

CAMEROUN: Free kicks 25, Corners 4, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 4.

ARGENTINA v USSR 2-0

Another 'Hand Of God'!

NAPLES — A new-look Argentina overcame the early loss of injured goalkeeper Nery Pumpido to beat the Soviet Union 2-0 with a hand ball but Diego Maradona again got away with it.

The victory kept alive the defending champion's hopes of advancing to the second round of the tournament.

It lost its opener to Cameroun but coach Carlos Bilardo made five changes and they paid off.

The defeat almost certainly will eliminate the Soviet Union, which was also beaten in its opening game against Romania.

Pedro Troglio scored the first goal in the 27th minute, heading home powerfully after a cleverly-weighted cross from Julio Olarticoechea.

Jorge Burruchaga made it 2-0 when he pounced after a defensive error in the 80th minute.

Pumpido was carried off on a stretcher in the 12th minute after being injured in a collision with a team mate while making a save and his right tibia was broken.

Substitute Sergio Goycochea quickly settled in and made a number of crucial saves.

The Soviet Union played the final 42 minutes with 10 men after Vladimir Bessonov was sent off for first pulling, then pushing, Argentine striker Claudio Caniggia.

Referee Erik Fredriksson of Sweden also cautioned five other players — four for Argentina, including Diego Maradona.

The Soviets appealed for a penalty for handball from a corner in the 13th minute when Oleg Kuznetsov's shot at the near post bounced off Maradona's arm.

Igor Dobrovolsky and Alexander Zavarov both forced Argentina's substitute goalkeeper into fine saves at the end of a scrappy first 45 minutes.

Referee Frederiksson was the most prominent man on the pitch as he was forced to award a seemingly endless series of free-kicks for trips, shoves and holding.

His performance was quite sub-standard and he appeared to be influenced by the crowd, all of whom were barracking for "local" idol Maradona and his Argentine team.

There's no way he could not have seen Maradona's blatant



DIEGO MARADONA: not a factor, but his hand — again — saved Argentina.

hand-ball, which happened right in front of him.

That incident, plus Bessonov's deserved expulsion, made it much easier for Argentina, who had struggled in the opening 25 minutes.

The lesser known Argentines fought like tigers, but Maradona

— again — was not a major factor.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido (Goycochea 12m), Monzon (Lorenzo 78m), Serrizuela, Simon, Batista, Basualdo, Burruchaga, Maradona, Olarticoechea, Troglio, Caniggia.

USSR: Uvarov, Bessonov (sent off 48m), Khlyatulin, Kuznetsov, Gorukovich, Aleinikov, Zavarov (Litvyl 85m), Zygmantovich, Shalimov, Protasov, (Litovchenko 75m), Dobrovolsky.

SCORERS: Troglio 27m, Burruchaga 79m for Argentina.

YELLOW CARDS: Serrizuela 56m, Caniggia 58m, Maradona 71m, Monzon 77m for Argentina; Zygmantovich 51m for the USSR.

RED CARD: Bessonov 48m for USSR.

REFEREE: Erik Frederiksson (Sweden).

CROWD: 55,759.

STATS

ARGENTINA: Free kicks 22, Corners 2, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 7.

USSR: Free kicks 18, Corners 6, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 9.

Maradona confesses

DIEGO Maradona has admitted he used his hand to knock the ball away from the goal line in Argentina's 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union.

After the match, he told Argentine journalists he reacted on instinct during the first-half scramble.

"I saw the ball coming at me very fast and I instinctively put my hand in front of it," he said.



At an early post-game news conference, he had said he

was not sure what happened in the play.

Soviet coach Valery Lobanovsky called the play crucial and said referee Erik Fredriksson of Sweden should lose his job for missing it.

The Soviet coach accused Fredriksson of bias against his team.

Maradona said the play happened so fast that it was difficult for the referee to see.

"The referee is a human being and can make mistakes," Maradona said.

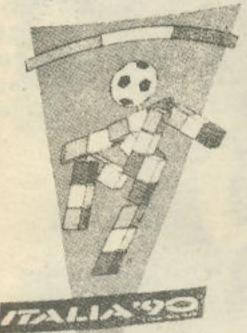
And while on the subject of Maradona, the "great one" has announced he will not be competing in the 1994 World Cup.

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GROUP C

BRAZIL v COSTA RICA 1-0

No magic in Turin

TURIN — The near-capacity crowd that filled the magnificent new Del Alpi Stadium hoping to watch some Brazilian wizardry were sadly disappointed when the South American maestros could only eke out the narrowest of wins against the gallant but limited Central Americans from Costa Rica.

"We created a lot of chances but our attackers didn't perform that well," said Brazil coach Sebastiao Lazaroni. "Costa Rica never really attacked. They simply defended and didn't allow us to score."

Brazil score the only goal in the 33rd minute.

Striker Muller's hooked shot flew past goalkeeper Luis Gabelo Conejo after it was deflected off defender Mauricio Montero.

Brazil created a plethora of chances throughout the one-sided contest, but was foiled either by the dogged Costa Rican defense or the athleticism of Conejo.

"It is an acceptable result," said Costa Rica's Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic.

The Brazilians completely dominated the first half, restricting Costa Rica to the occasional breakaway.

Midfielder Alemao set the pattern in the first minute, firing a shot just inches wide.

With Branco floating dangerously on the left, the Brazilians launched wave after wave of attacks. But they were frustrated by a combination of aggressive defense and the skills of Conejo.

In the second minute, Careca and defender Roger Gomez rose high together and the ball flew off the crossbar.

Dunga, Valdo, Care-



Soccer's gone to his head. World Cup fan disguised as a football trying to score a freebie into a match? Or a Scotland barracker covering his shame?



Brazil's brilliant goalkeeper Taffarel.

There was no change to the pattern after the goal.

Valdo came closest to scoring in the 38th minute when his curling freekick was saved one-handed by Conejo.

The second half featured similar one-way traffic with the resolute Costa Rican defence defying the uninspired Brazilian attack.

Ricardo Gomez hit the post with a 48th minute header and Valdo sent two shots screaming narrowly off target.

Muller.

COSTA RICA: Conejo, Flores, Gonzalez, Montero, Chavez, Chavarria, Ramirez, Gomez, Cayasso (Guimaraes 77m), Marchena, Jara (Mayers 70m).

SCORER: Montero (own goal) 34m for Brazil.

YELLOW CARDS: Jorginho 87m, Mozer 88m for Brazil; Jara 17m, Gomez 60m for Costa Rica.

REFEREE: Maji Jouni (Tunisia).

CROWD: 57,238.

STATS

BRAZIL: Free kicks 15, Corners 13, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 6.

COSTA RICA: Free kicks 11, Corners 0, Shots on target 0, Shots off target 0.

COSTA RICA v SCOTLAND 1-0

Scots humiliated

GENOA — Costa Rica, playing in the World Cup finals for the first time, upset the favoured Scotland 1-0 with a 49th minute goal from Juan-Arnoldo Cayasso.

Claudio Jara's back-heel fooled the Scottish defence, already guilty of loose marking, and Cayasso coolly slipped the ball under goalkeeper Jim Leighton.

Mo Johnston had a great chance to equalise

after 65 minutes but goalkeeper Gabelo Conejo blocked his point-blank shot.

"I've always said that these sort of things happen in football," he said. "It was always going to be difficult for us. They were the liveliest. They scored on the break and we couldn't."

Yet the Scots, inspired by a huge contingent of chanting fans, had threatened inside the very first minute with a powerful run and centre down the left from Alan McInally which was cut out by the diving Gabelo Conejo.

But then the Costa Ricans realised they were not playing at Glasgow after all, and settled down into an attractive rhythm with Juan Cayasso prominent.

It was the midfielder who had the Central Americans' first shot in a World Cup finals, a right-footer from 25 metres in the sixth minute that swerved narrowly wide.

Then Jose Chaves took advantage of the



Scotland then finally started to stretch the Costa Rican defence, especially down the right where McKimmie at last provided some width.

Giant centre-back David McPherson threatened twice with headers from corners and after Jara had had Leighton flailing at a first-time shot, McInally nodded a McKimmie centre fractionally over.

McStay was similarly wayward in the 64th minute, but a minute later Costa Rica's lead stayed intact thanks to two superb interventions from Conejo and Marchena.

The Scottish attacks were becoming increasingly more frantic as the minutes ticked away, although Aitken's 71st minute volley flashed past a post.

However, it was Costa Rica who had the last word on the most famous day in their

SCOTLAND — Scotland made wholesale changes and used them well to beat Sweden 2-1 and keep alive its hopes of reaching the second round of the World Cup.

Midfielder Stuart McCall scored from close range in the 11th minute and striker Mo Johnston converted a penalty to put the game away with eight minutes to play.

Substitute Glenn Stroemberg scored a consolation goal for Sweden with four minutes to play.

Sweden's second straight 2-1 defeat virtually eliminates any chance for them to advance in the tournament.

Brazil, which already qualified for the second round from Group C, has four points and leads Scotland and Costa Rica, which each have two.

Sweden remains without points. Scotland plays Brazil tomorrow (Thursday) and must force a point to make it to phase two.

It was a different Scotland from the one that lost so meekly to Costa Rica.

The Scots gave a rousing performance to delight their delirious 12,000 — strong support.

The atmosphere at the Luigi Ferraris Stadium was explosive as there were an equal amount of Swedish fans amongst the crowd of 50,000-plus.

The match provided one of the best atmospheres of the series to date, and the Scots made their critics eat their words.

Gone were the inane high balls that caused their downfall against Costa Rica.

They were the better team, always faster to the ball and more committed than a technically polished, but at times cumbersome Swedish team where



THE WINNER: Costa Rica's Juan Cayasso scores the goal that sunk Scotland — a 49th minute winner past 'keeper Jim Leighton.

Scots' loose marking to let fly from 30 metres but his effort was comfortably off target.

Richard Gough was not far away from giving Scotland the lead with a 26th minute header from Paul McStay's free-kick, but Stuart McCall was well wide from 20 metres 10 minutes later.

However, only a great save by Conejo prevented Johnston breaking the deadlock five minutes before half-time, the Costa Rican keeper turning round his left-footer after Gough had laid off Aitken's chip into the striker's path.

Scotland brought on Stewart McKimmie for Gough at half-time, but the change only succeeded in weakening the Scots' already difficult defence.

They were caught flat-footed in the 49th minute when Cayasso added to Scotland's recent humiliations by tucking the ball past Leighton, after a delightful backheel from Jara from Hector Marchena's pass.

football history, Ronald Gonzalez coming within an ace of a second goal in the last minute with a right-footer.

And the Scots — again — were set packing, after — again — having deluded themselves in thinking they had a competitive team.

COSTA RICA: Conejo, Flores, Gonzalez, Montero, Chavez, Chavarria, Ramirez, Gomez, Cayasso, Marchena, Jara (Medford 86m).

SCOTLAND: Leighton, McLeish, Gough (McKimmie 46m), McPherson, Aitken, Malpas, McStay, Bett (McColist 74m), McCall, Johnston, McInally.

SCORER: Cayasso 49m for Costa Rica.

REFEREE: Juan Loustau (Argentina).

CROWD: 30,867.

STATS

COSTA RICA: Free kicks 7, Corners 4, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 6.

SCOTLAND: Free kicks 10, Corners 13, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 13.

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GROUP D

Where's the football?

FANS are leaving World Cup matches wondering whether they are truly getting value for money at this tournament.

Tickets which are selling for between \$20 and \$120 entitle spectators to a game of football, but many of them did not expect that the game would last only 50 minutes.

That is the average clear playing time at the matches so far in this World Cup.

A team of statisticians employed by Italian TV have kept the stop-watch on the games so far and have stunned everyone with the 50 minute average.

Mario Frignani of RAI, the Italian TV, says the stop-watch only recorded when the ball was in motion.

Stoppages such as throw-ins, goal-kicks and free-kicks were not included.

The results show that almost 40 minutes of the 90-minutes game are lost to time-wasting of one sort or another.

The lack of playing time could possibly be even worse if one included the amount of back-passing to the keeper that has also become a feature of the modern game.

— STEPHEN DETRE of AAP

LEADING SCORERS

(as of June 18)

- 3 — Rudi Voller (West Germany), Lothar Matthaus (West Germany), Michel (Spain)
- 2 — Marius Lacatus (Romania), Tomas Skuhravy (Czechoslovakia), Careca (Brazil), Davor Jozic (Yugoslavia), Roger Milla (Cameroon), Michal Bilek (Czechoslovakia), Juergen Klinsmann (West Germany).



Colombia's Carlos Valderrama is airborne after being fouled by his UAE marker.

YUGOSLAVIA v COLOMBIA 1-0

Jozic the Saviour

BOLOGNA — A dazzling flash of skill from Davor Jozic salvaged Yugoslavia's World Cup hopes when they beat Colombia 1-0.

Jozic's face-saving goal came in the 73rd minute when he collected a floated through ball from midfielder Safet Susic on his chest.



As defender Luis Herrera closed in on him the 29-year-old Jozic coolly volleyed the ball past a hapless Rene Higuita.

Minutes later, the Yugoslavs made a second rush on goal, but a shot by Faruk Hadzibegic bounced off the post.

In the 78th minute, referee Luigi Agnolin called a hand ball on Luis Perea inside the penalty area and it looked like the Yugoslavs would go up 2-0.

But Higuita moved to his right nicely to stop Hadzibegic's ground-level penalty kick. The first half was largely played in midfield, though each side came close to scoring once.

Yugoslavia's Srecko Katanec just missed in the 25th minute when he headed sharply from a

corner, but it went just over the crossbar.

Yugoslavia's goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic also made a nice save in the 38th minute from a shot by Colombia striker Arnoldo Iguaran.

Colombia dominated the midfield for much of the first half, with Carlos Valderrama, Bernardo Redin and Freddy Rincon working the ball around with crisp passing.

But each time the Colombians tried to break through, the pass either was off the mark or they were stopped by hard-tackling Yugoslav defenders.

Higuita, the Colombian goalkeeper, drew cheers from the crowd when he ventured out of the penalty area several times in the first half to intercept long Yugoslav kicks.

But in the second half, the Yugoslavs unlocked the secret of the Colombians' defensive scheme.

They broke through frequently with sharp passing and kept up the pressure on Higuita.

Colombia looked the more polished team in the first half, having ironed out problems of communication between

the players which hindered them despite their win against the United Arab Emirates.

Iguaran, recovered from a leg injury, had an awkwardly angled shot at goal in the sixth minute, after captain Carlos Valderrama had won the ball from the Yugoslavs and launched a counter-attack, but goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic, coming off his line, had little trouble saving the shot.

The Yugoslavs opted for a more cautious approach and good crosses by Safet Susic and Davor Jozic — Saturday's goalscorer — were wasted by their team mates' reluctance to go forward.

YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Stanojkovic, Spasic, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Brnovic, Sabanadzovic, Susic, Stojkovic, Katanec (Jarni 46m), Vujovic (Pancev 54m).

COLOMBIA: Higuita, Escobar, Gildardo Gomez, Herrera, Perea, Gabriel Gomez, Valderrama, Redin (Estrada 79m), Alvarez, Rincon (Hernandez 68m), Iguaran.

SCORER: Jozic 74m.

YELLOW CARD: Stojkovic 86m for Yugoslavia.

REFEREE: Luigi Angolin (Italy).

CROWD: 32,257.

STATS

COLOMBIA: Free kicks 25, Corners 6, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 6.

YUGOSLAVIA: Free kicks 24, Corners 2, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.

WEST GERMANY v UAE 5-1

Scoring in the rain ...

MILAN — West Germany qualified for the second round of the World Cup, beating the United Arab Emirates 5-1 behind two goals by striker Rudi Voller in heavy rain and thunder.

Voller and fellow striker Jurgen Klinsmann scored late in the first half before Khalid Ismail Mubarak hit back with a surprise goal at the start of the second half — the UAE's first ever in the World Cup.

A minute later, West German captain Lothar Matthaus hit home with yet another fierce shot for his third goal in two matches.

Uwe Bein netted with a strong drive, and Voller headed home the final goal.

The only blemish on the West German performance was the yellow card for defender Andreas Brehme, who had to miss the Colombia match.

For most of the half the UAE goal seemed to be there one minute, somewhere else the next, as the Germans peppered shots left of the post, right of the post and over the bar.

Even Voller was forced to laugh as he hit over the bar from only five metres out after 15 minutes, but there was nothing funny about the outrageous over-reactions and "Hollywood" antics of Klinsmann, who took a dive at the slightest push.

The Germans have never had so many goalscoring chances in a single half, never mind 90 minutes, in their lives.

The crumbling UAE defence was no match for the Germans but Franz Beckenbauer's troops could not find the killer punch until Voller finally scooped in a cross from Klinsmann after 36 minutes.

"We made some small mistakes, but generally speaking I am satisfied," said coach Beckenbauer.

"Our opponents were too quick for us, the Germans were too strong," said UAE coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

WEST GERMANY: Illgner, Reuter, Brehme, Augenthaler, Buchwald, Berthold (Littbarski 46m), Bein, Hassler, Matthaus, Voller, Klinsmann (Riedle 72m).

UAE: Faraj, K.G. Mubarak, I.M. Abdulrahman (E.I. Hadid 88m), E.M. Abdulrahman, Mohamed, Jumaa, A.M. Abdullah, Abbas, N.K. Mubarak, K.I. Mubarak (Hussein 82m), Al Talyani.

SCORERS: Voller 35 & 76m, Klinsmann 37m, Matthaus 47m, Bein 58m for West Germany; K.I. Mubarak 46m for UAE.

YELLOW CARD: Brehme 31 for West Germany; Mohamed 26m, Abbas 30m for UAE.

REFEREE: Alexei Spirin (USSR).

CROWD: 71,167.

STATS

WEST GERMANY: Free kicks 12, Corners 3, Shots on target 1, Shots off target 2.

UAE: Free kicks 12, Corners 4, Shots on target 1, Shots off target 2.

target 10, Shots off target 10.

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URUGUAY v SPAIN 0-0

Classy Uruguayans deserved to win

UDINE — Uruguay missed a second-half penalty shot as Spain turned what should have been its first World Cup victory in 20 years into a scoreless draw.



Uruguay dominated the match and attacked relentlessly in the second half against a Spanish team that could not match their rivals in speed, technique or determination.

Forward Ruben Sosa fired the penalty over the crossbar in the 73rd minute after Spanish midfielder Francisco Villarroya used his hand to clear defender Jose Herrera's header off the goal-line.

Uruguayan coach Oscar Tabarez said his team was unlucky and lacked an aerial game strong enough to pierce a Spanish defence that shrank back into its own end during the second half.

"I think that in the second half we corrected some problems and were able to dominate. We didn't win because we wasted some excellent chances."



Sanchis

Spain made two defensive substitutions in the 79th minute to try to stop Sosa and Ruben

"We were lucky on the penalty," Spanish coach Luis Suarez admitted. "It's also true we didn't play a good game, especially in the second half."

Both teams exchanged early rough tackles. In the 11th, Uruguayan stopper Jose Perdomo drew a yellow card from referee Helmut Kohl of Austria after he brought down striker Emilio Butragueno from behind.

When the two teams settled down, it was free-roaming Spanish midfielder Martin Vazquez who set the pace, stealing several balls at his own end and initiating counter attacks.

Vazquez later worked clear of two defen-

The 27-year-old

ders and was fouled at the edge of the area. After the free kick that followed, he nearly scored from a hard shot that was tipped wide.

Kohl showed Spanish defender Manuel Jimenez a yellow card in the 24th minute after he stopped a Uruguayan attack with his hand.

Three minutes later, Uruguay had its best chance of the half when Zubizarreta stretched to tip Antonio Alzamendi's shot onto the crossbar.

Uruguay increased its domination after half-time. In the 48th, Zubizarreta blocked a wick-

ed shot by Sosa. Paz picked up the rebound, but he shot high.

URUGUAY: Alvez, Gutierrez, De Leon, Herrera, Dominguez, Perdomo, Francescoli, Paz, Pereira (Correa 63m), Alzamendi (Aguilera 63m), Sosa.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta, Chendo, Jimenez, Andrinua, Sanchez, Martin-Vazquez, Villaroya (Paz 80m), Roberto, Michael, Butragueno, Manolo (Goriz 80m).

YELLOW CARDS: Perdomo 10m, Francescoli 80m for Uruguay; Jimenez 24m, Villaroya 69m for Spain.

REFEREE: Helmut Kohl (Austria).

CROWD: 35,713.

STATS

SPAIN: Free kicks 17, Corners 1, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 3.

URUGUAY: Free kicks 21, Corners 5, Shots on target 8, Shots off target 10.

SPAIN v SOUTH KOREA 3-1

Michel hat-trick



UDINE — Midfielder Michel marked a virtuoso performance with a hat-trick that lifted Spain to a 3-1 win over South Korea.

Michel shot Spain ahead in the 24th minute with a crashing right-foot volley.

He scored the winner in the 62nd minute with a curling freekick from outside the penalty area and added a third goal in the 81st minute with a close range shot after beating two defenders.

Hangbo Kwan had equalised for South Korea in the 43rd minute with a drive from 25 metres.

Spain has three points, Uruguay one point and South Korea no points and the victory has boosted Spain's chances of advancing to the second round of the 24-nation tournament. Belgium, of course, have qualified.

The goal that gave South Korea a dramatic half-time equaliser came from free-kick specialist Hwangbo Kwan who blasted high into the top left hand corner from a set-piece.

Spanish goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta could do nothing about the perfectly placed shot from 25 metres out.

Spain's goal came in the 22nd minute when a cross from Villaroya to the far post found Michel.

STATS

SPAIN: Free kicks 29, Corners 2, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 4.

SOUTH KOREA: Free kicks 22, Corners 5, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 5.

REFEREE: Elias Jacome (Ecuador).

CROWD: 32,733.

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CROWD: 32,733.

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ENGLAND v HOLLAND 0-0

Giants face elimination



BRYAN ROBSON

"Milan Connection" again failed to click.

England had the ball in the net twice but both goals were disallowed.

Gary Lineker looked to have given England the lead early in the second half but was ruled to have handled the ball.

Then in the dying moments Stuart Pearce fired home a free kick but the referee had signalled it was indirect.

You would have thought that a seasoned professional would know one of the most elementary rules of the game...

Lineker had missed two chances earlier in the game, but despite those lapses he was one of the best players on the field.

Another player to emerge with credit was veteran England

must be the knowledge he is moving to PSV Eindhoven next month no matter what happens in Italy) "experimented" by using a sweeper (Mark Wright) for the first time.

The ploy worked, much to the chagrin of the Dutch whose

goalkeeper Peter Shilton, playing a record 120th time for this country.

The Dutch were a bitter disappointment again.

They barely created two half-chances dur-



Marco van Basten

and it is clear that Ruud Gullit is nowhere near as sharp as he was then, which is only natural as he has been out of action for more than a year.

As for van Basten, he seems to have had too much football, and not once did he threaten the English goal.

It was one of England's better performances, but for all that both teams could be eliminated unless they win their final games on Friday.

England take on Egypt and the Dutch face the no-frills Irish.

It won't be easy for either side.

ENGLAND: Shilton, Pearce, Walker, Butcher, Parker, Wright, Robson (Platt 64m), Waddle (Bull 59m), Gascoigne, Lineker, Barnes.

HOLLAND: van Breukelen, van Aerle, Rijkaard, R. Koeman, van Tiggelen, Wouters, Gullit, Witschge, van Basten, van't Schip (Kieft 74m), Gilhuis.

REFEREE: Zoran Petrovic (Yugoslavia).

CROWD: 35,267.

STATS

HOLLAND: Free kicks 11, Corners 13, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 6.

ENGLAND: Free kicks 18, Corners 3, Shots on target 4.



Egyptian Gamal Abdel El Hamid and Holland's Aussie-born Graeme Rutjes link arms while attempting to win the ball during their 1-1 draw.

IRELAND v EGYPT 0-0

Palermo yawn

PALERMO — The Republic of Ireland and Egypt battled to a boring scoreless draw on Monday to leave Group F as wide open as when the tournament opened.

Ireland dominated possession but lacked the finishing touches to penetrate the defence of stubborn Egypt.

The Group F teams each have two points from two matches and the same goal difference.

Ireland plays Holland and England faces Egypt on Friday to decide which countries make the second round of 16 teams.

Egypt found Ireland a different prospect to Holland.

Their kick and rush football never allowed the Egyptians to settle on the ball, hustling them out of their fluent, close-passing game and forcing them to rely on playing the ball backwards.

The Irish approach is never classic nor entertaining, yet it is nothing if not effective and their target men, Tony Cascarino and John Aldridge were causing the Egyptian defence problems.

Kevin Sheedy and Paul McGrath were getting balls behind the defence but with the exception of an effort which Aldridge scooped wide after a Cascarino knock-on and Cascarino's shot straight into the arms of Ahmed Shobier just before half-time, they had few direct attempts at goal.

At the other end, the big defensive duo of Kevin Moran and Mick

McCarthy coped ably with anything thrown at them, which was not a great deal as Hossam Hassan was left to forage on his own up front and there was not the support from Ahmed Abdelaziz that occurred against the Dutch.

However, Hassan did have one clear break-away in the 39th minute, only to see the ball taken off his toes by McCarthy and behind for a corner.

Egypt looked a little unbalanced due to the two changes coach El Gohary made from the first game, with Magbi Tolba, who came on as a second-half substitute for captain Gamal Adelhamid, retaining his place and Ahmed Ramzy was replaced by Osoma Oraby.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Bonner, Morris, Staunton, McCarthy, Moran, McGrath, Houghton, Townsend, Aldridge (McLoughlin 65m), Cascarino (Quinn 84m), Sheedy.

EGYPT: Shobier, I. Hassan, Yassein, H. Ramzy, Yakan, A. Ramzy (Tolba 70m), Youssouf, Abdel Ghani, H. Hassan, Abed El Hamid (Abdel Rahman 70m), Ahmed El Kas.

SCORERS: Kieft 60m for Holland; Abdel Ghani 83m (pen) for Egypt.

YELLOW CARDS: Kieft 58m for Holland; A. Ramzy 57m for Egypt.

REFEREE: Emilio Aladren (Spain).

CROWD: 33,288.

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